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A GLASS OF LAGER.

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A glass of lager—scarce the drink
To stir the mind to thoughts poetic;
Yet, blowing off the bead, I think
Of days when life was less ascetic;
When, sitting round this table here,
We quaffed our mugs of German beer
And talked of fame with tongues prophetic.

It seemed an easy road to run
While yet our minds were mildly mellow,
While in the shadow of the sun
Our glasses brightened red and yellow;
While pleasant pictures flitted fast
Of rare Bohemians in the past,
Of every jolly English fellow—;

Of Scottish bards and Irish wits
Endowed with everything but "siller;"
Of roaring puns and rousing hits
From Goldsmith, Burns and Moore and Miller;
Of Germans in their beery dens,
Who pierced men's hearts with magic pens,
Of Goethe and of glorious Schiller.

And most of all we thought of France,
The land of asterisks and dashes,
Where fame's loud trump and love's warm glance
Reward the wit whose genius flashes;
Where happy writers, careless, gay,
Laugh while they live, live while they may,
And all the rest is dust and ashes.

And now, beside the table here,
I sit alone in painful quiet—
No comrades gather for their beer
To pass an hour in harmless riot;
No ready rhymes and pleasant quips
Come babbling forth from bearded lips,
Defying doom's uncanny liat.

They passed so quickly to their fate,
The phantom fame they fain grasp eluded;
And here alone I wait and wait
And all my hopes are cowled and hooded.
But this I know, that while life lasted
We never thirsted, never fasted,
And dreamed such royal dreams as few did.

THE MISSING PACKET;

OR,

THE MYSTERY OF WILTON'S WISH.

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER,
BY WALTER EDGAR M'CANN.

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CHAPTER XI.

THE SECRETS OF THE BOOK.

Roy Bellington, book in hand, marched directly to his own room, and, once within, closed and locked the door. Then, lighting his little student-lamp, he placed it on his desk, and sat down, the volume of mystery before him, and obediently prepared to unfold all its contents at his will. It was a sort of scroll, well-thumbed and dog-eared, tied with a captivating bit of blue ribbon, and marked on the back "Diary." Roy's heart gave a leap when he saw this word, for he felt that he had secured a treasure whose value was just now priceless. No mere collection of trumpery poems, or receptacle of "thoughts," "reflections" and similar literary folly; but a diary—a record of deeds. Certain doings, in which he was absorbingly interested, and which had baffles him and mocked at him hitherto, were doubtless all here described in this excellent black ink. Nothing now remained but to begin the reading.

The reading?

A very uncomfortable qualm here crossed him, and, laying down the manuscript, he leaned back and thought with frowning intentness. What right had he to read Miss Pin's diary? Judged by the ordinary standards, no more than to read one of her private letters. But was not this a matter to be estimated from a different point of view? Here was a game of war—the combatants making their strategic moves in the dark—neither party very scrupulous about the means to get desired ends.

Kendryn would not have paused a moment, thought Roy, over a question of this sort. He would have smiled with derision at the idea, and devoured the book without delay. And suppose for a moment that Miss Pin had come into possession of Roy Bellington's diary, how long would she wait to consider the morality involved in violating its secrets?

Leaning back and fiddling with the book, and a little disturbed and yet all curiosity, Roy mechanically turned the first leaf. The writing was small and delicate, very beautiful chirography, though perhaps a little uncertain here and there—signs of indecision, it might be.

Suddenly he made up his mind, and, holding the book under the light, bent down to study its revelations. Rapidly he turned the pages till he came to the date October 8th.

They have come. The lawyer, K——, is a tall, dark, shrewd-looking man—just as I had fancied. R. B. is certainly very handsome. He has beautiful eyes, and a melancholy, interesting face. We passed the evening in Mr. Oswynd's room. For the first time he displayed the Secret Packet. It has an alarming seal on the back; but is otherwise a very commonplace document, so far as appearances go. He read the superscription—the contents he will read tomorrow. We all listened very calmly, and I bore myself particularly well, I think. My face could have told nothing; but never was soul more agitated.

This ended the record of that date. Roy recalled the housekeeper's cold, fathomless face, as she had stood at the window that memorable evening. It was true; she had borne herself well.

He read the next entry—October 9. The handwriting here was very tremulous, and there were some blots. The first words were a little indistinct; but they comprised a world of meaning:

"I have secured the Secret Packet!"

In his astonishment he let fall the book, and drummed nervously on the desk, the sentence glaring upon his retina like a line written against the air in letters of flame.

Delia Pin was the midnight robber, after all—her confession of the fact here before him! His qualms vanished. There could be no more doubt as to the morality involved in the reading of the diary now. With an abrupt violence he proceeded to study the damning record again:

I tremble still when I think of it; but the Packet is mine, and is before my eyes as I pen these trembling words. After leaving Mr. Oswynd's room I went to my own. I never was so nervous and feverish before. The temptation had already flashed through my mind. I had observed the door of his room—the space between it and the floor. He was accustomed to lock himself in, I remembered. He would take his drug and fall into stupor. My way was clear enough; but how fraught with danger! I put out my light and waited. It was nearly midnight. There was a candle in the drawer. Had it been lying there all this time for my purpose? My determination was fixed. I resolved to have that Packet at any cost. What it has cost me to get it I dread to think; but it is mine!

Ha! she murdered him! thought Roy, with a pang.

The house was quiet—darkness and silence everywhere. I do not remember anything, till I found myself at his door. Then I remember distinctly my heart in the mad within, and an instant afterward it was in my hand. I stood in his room! He was lying on his bed, breathing stertorously. I knew where he kept the ether. His handkerchief was on his breast. There was no time to be wasted, and my purpose was unalterable. In a little while all was accomplished. The sleeping danger in the next quarter existed no longer. I lowered the curtains at the windows and lighted my candle. Over the head of the bed hung the keys of the wardrobe. I took them down (and his watch at the same time, which showed the hour to be after midnight), and quietly opened the wardrobe. I had searched his bosom while administering the ether, and it was beyond doubt that the Packet was not on his person. The wardrobe must contain it. The first sight that met my eye on opening the door was a pair of beautiful earrings. They were unique, exquisite, irresistible. Agitated as now am, I cannot help pausing at the vanity which made me pause in my search for the Packet to put these ornaments into my ears, and go to the mirror to see the effect. It was admirable; but holding the candle too close, I broke the glass. No matter for that. No one will notice it; and even if anyone should, what can a seam in a mirror tell?

You little dreamed how much I could tell! murmured Roy, with a resolute shake of his handsome head.

But I recollected myself; the narrative went on), and replaced the earrings whence I had taken them. As I did so, I noticed an inscription scrawled on the wood of the shelf. It comprised two French words, *De chene*. What could they mean? Something prompted me to find that out before I went any further. I heard of people who studied to keep memoranda safely using this means. Over the head of the bed there was a row of books, a French dictionary among the number. I brought it to the wardrobe to make sure of spelling the words correctly, and a few minutes found the inscription to mean "oaken," or "of oak." But that to me meant just nothing. I put down the dictionary and proceeded with my search. There was not a corner in the wardrobe I failed to investigate. The result was unsatisfactory; I did not find the Secret Packet. I began to be disheartened. However, I proceeded to hunt through the room, rapidly and carefully, missing nothing; but still without success. Once more the inscription recurred to my mind, and suddenly the thought flashed across my mind that it might refer to one of the canes I had seen in the corner—the *oaken cane!* This idea came with the absoluteness of conviction. I plucked the oak cane from the bundle, and quickly unscrewed the top. In it I found a little key. It was of peculiar workmanship, and evidently belonged to a secret door. My first impression was that the wardrobe might contain a secret compartment; but after a brief examination that theory was manifestly impossible. I went round trying the walls, and at one side of the bed found a hidden cabinet. It was the repository of Mr. Oswynd's trust. The Packet lay before me!

"All hail, as Kendryn so shrewdly surmised!" mused Roy, pausing for a moment. "What cool villainy!"

He read on rapidly:

I replaced everything as I had found it, and prepared to leave the room. Mr. Oswynd had not stirred. With the Packet in my bosom I went out, having extinguished my candle, locked the door, pushed the key underneath to the inside, and left it in my own pocket. With a beating heart I closed my door, lighted my lamp, and fell on my knees to thank God I had not been discovered! For a minute or two I believe I was on the point of hysterics. I could hardly credit that I had accomplished my object—and with absolute safety! No human being would ever know that I had entered and robbed that room. The Packet would be missed next morning; but who would suspect me?

Roy perused this sentence with a bitter smile—the mockery of contempt. Then he continued:

Tremulously I opened the packet, having melted the seal, and spread it before me to read. Eagerly I devoured the words, and became possessed of the Secret. What that secret is I shall not write here. When I had read all, I sat breathless. I knew something of the story of Roy Bellington's father and Percival Redgrave, but I knew it as the rest of the world knows it. I had never suspected the truth. I had explained to myself the peculiarity of the will in the most natural way, and in this connection I had made a guess at the contents of the Packet. But now, having learned the truth, I was amazed at my stupidity that I should have gone so wide of the mark in my previous conjecture. If this secret is ever revealed—as it must be—the first thought of those who find it out will be the same as my first thought. The most casual reflection upon Percival Redgrave's peculiar character would lead anyone to see his motive in disguising the true story of his relations with Roy Bellington's father, and giving them a vesture so terrible.

What did Roy know of this story? Simply nothing. He had been brought up in ignorance, and everything had tended to that luminous point in the perspective when he should learn the story—not as the world knew it, but as it was known to the principals themselves. Kendryn had been judiciously silent, always impressing this fact upon his charge's mind. Had he, so subtle and shrewd, any idea of the truth? There was not the least doubt that he had his suspicions.

But Roy, leaning on his hand, his face clouded and sad, felt for the first time the cruelty of all this mystery. His father's name was blemished. In the past something had been done that had created a great scandal—and the deed had been done in this dark house. Whatever it was, the news of it had got abroad. The country people had heard it all, and had doubtless exaggerated it among themselves. Percival Redgrave, haughty and solitary, and hated cordially on that account already—hating all the world in return—had found himself, after this mysterious business referred to in the packet, an outcast. He had not a companion, except one—Oswynd. But now the possession of Oswynd's friendship was explained. He knew the facts.

The matter might be made clear in this way: Roy's father had been Mr. Redgrave's trusted friend. In some very evil manner he had betrayed that trust. Redgrave had accomplished a dreadful revenge. Perhaps after it was done he had repented the extreme measure he had taken, and now sought to make amends, since the father was beyond availing of his forgiveness, to the son. He had willed his immense fortune to the son with the proviso that there should be a marriage between him and a daughter of the house of Redgrave—Beatrice, Ernestine, Ursula: Roy must choose one of the three. By this marriage a feud would be healed, and if there had been wrong in the extreme revenge taken, this would be righted.

Here was a peculiar scheme—a little old-fashioned, complicated and Quixotic, but it was an effort to do justice. So practical a man as the dead Oswynd had thought well enough of it to be the executor of the hidden trust; and if he had lived he would have lent every energy he had to see it carried out.

Before Roy Bellington's mind rose, like a phantom, a great misgiving. Had his father, of whom he had known so little, but whose memory he loved and honored, been a villain? The doubt came with an awful intensity, and brooded darkly all over his soul. With a sickening thrill he laid the diary upon the desk, and turned from it and covered his eyes with his hand.

In this mood he distorted everything. He beheld himself in this house as a recreant, who had no right to be here upon such business as that which had brought him. Somehow he felt incensed with Beatrice, as if she were to blame. It was time now to examine how far he had actually gone in this matter. She was a beautiful girl, and perhaps he had not told himself how truly and deeply he admired her, and how very well content he would have been to accept the direct terms of the will. But what man, with a sense of honor even much less nice than his own, would proceed farther with such doubts hovering about him as these?

Yes; it was too plain. His father had been a villain of unparalleled atrocity. He had done Percival Redgrave some wrong—a crime in the nature of perfidy—and had been punished most terribly. The punishment had been so dreadful that Percival Redgrave was afraid to die without making some kind of amendment. There was but one duty now—a duty to himself. He must forthwith learn the history of his father's life at Wilton's Wish.

Once more he took up the diary and read:

After I had violated the Packet and rifled its secret, I felt the reaction that inevitably follows stolen delight. My curiosity was satisfied, and now came thronging dreads and doubts. I hid the paper, having sealed it again in its envelope, and put out my light, and went to bed. It is needless to say that I could not sleep. A fearful presentiment haunted me—threatening I knew not what. Whenever I closed my eyes the most awful shapes came before them in the darkness, and almost drove me mad. Mr. Oswynd was there—grim and fierce—and he seemed to menace me with certain retribution. All this was nervousness. A little valerian banished my tormentor, and I fell asleep. What my dreams were I (have not recall; but in the morning, waking, there was the glorious daylight at the windows, and I was myself again. Before dressing, my first proceeding was to assure myself that the Packet was still where I had put it. This done, I proceeded to remove all traces of last night's sufferings, so that my face and manner should betray nothing. I think I was even a little gay. My spirits had risen more than I could have believed. It was lucky for me. Only a few minutes elapsed when I heard the news that Mr. Oswynd had been found dead in his bed! I nearly fainted. One thought crashed through my head like a thunderbolt—I had murdered him! It was I who had given him the overdose of ether—my hand had taken his life; not, as all thought, his own.

"This book will bring you your reward, murderess!" whispered Roy, again absorbed in its dark history:

But now came another thought. If I could only restore the Secret Packet to the cabinet in the wall, no one would ever dream that I had ever taken it thence! It is not likely that the cabinet will be discovered to-day. I shall make an attempt to restore the Packet to-night—at any cost!

CHAPTER XII.

THE HANDKERCHIEF.

Here the book ended. The concluding words were full of significance: "I shall make an attempt to restore the packet to-night—at any cost!" She had made the attempt, and been baffled. Mr. Crenshaw had secured the room by means of his own keys, and these he had taken with him to his home in the village. Roy had surprised this woman in the very act; and now all that story of his nocturnal wanderings had resolved itself into a pursuit of Delia Pin. At last every doubt had vanished from his mind.

Just at this point there came a sharp tap at the door. Very hastily, and with a tremor, the young man concealed his precious volume, and, assuming as blank a countenance as possible, admitted Mr. Kendryn.

The lawyer looked around a little mystified.

"Quite alone?"

"Yes; I felt rather dull," replied the young man. He was now confronted with that other question: Should he reveal what he had learned to Kendryn, or wait a while longer, until matters were in even still better shape? Why not bring into such a condition that they would fall like an avalanche, overwhelming everybody? Possibly Roy was a little vain of the success he had made as a detective. While his shrewd friend here had been guessing and pondering, much else had developed outside the circle of that sagacious mind. Shortly there would be a wonderful glare cast upon the web of shadows, and Roy's would be the hand to open the lens of that magic-lantern. So he thought.

Taking this view, he resolved not to say anything about the discovery of the diary as yet. Meanwhile he observed that Mr. Kendryn had gone into the other room, and was packing up a valise.

"I am called away, Roy," said that gentleman, stowing in the depths of his portmanteau some two or three articles invaluable to the traveler—a razor and shaving-brush, some cigars, etc. He seemed to be rather in a hurry.

"To-night?"

"To-night; and I must leave by the next train. What time does it pass the station at Sheldrake?"

Roy consulted a time-table which he had taken the precaution to procure on his passage through Sheldrake, and by this it appeared that his friend had several trains to choose from, if he desired to leave that night.

"Express No. 56 passed at 9.31, and is out of the question; but there is a way-train for the north, stopping at 10.31," he read, scrutinizing the figures on the pink schedule. "The last train moving in the same direction is due 11.47."

"I shall catch the 10.31," replied Kendryn, busy in his preparations. "I don't care to undertake this night journey, but it is inevitable. I think I told you I anticipated being called away, and so, unfortunately, it has turned out."

"A telegram?"

"Yes; it came a few minutes since. It is on that Redlowe and Mortimer business. I believe I mentioned it."

Roy recalled something of the matter indistinctly. He was thinking how vexatious this was. He would be alone now—no one to consult with, no one to advise him.

"How long before you return?"

"It is uncertain—quite so. I hope not very long. If you have anything to say before I go, now is the only opportunity," added the lawyer, reading Roy's doubtful look.

"I was anxious to have a talk over matters," he responded vaguely and musingly. Why not be partly confidential, at any rate? Why not reveal the proceedings of last night, keeping dark as to the solution since? Or, if necessary, confess all?

And so, thus debating, Roy at length suddenly resolved to narrate his adventure in the north wing. This he did, somewhat shyly, for he was uncertain what view his friend would take of it; and while he talked, Kendryn gave over packing his valise for the time, and listened attentively.

"There was no great harm in what you have done," smiled that grave counselor; "but you might have told me before. And you think it was Miss Pin in advance of you?"

"I am sure of it."

"But your reason?"

He could not tell his reason, of course, without going into all the details, and so he said simply:

"I am convinced it was Miss Pin."

"Well, you are mistaken. I have no great admiration for Miss Pin, as you may have surmised; but the person you followed through the house last night was certainly not Miss Pin."

"I am confident of this, at least," persisted Roy, "that the person I was in pursuit of last night was the very same person who had robbed Mr. Oswynd's room on the night of his death."

"Then Miss Pin was not the guilty party, Roy," returned Kendryn emphatically. "I had my suspicions in that quarter too. They may have been correct as to the robbery. But last night Miss Pin was not in the house after seven o'clock P. M. She did not return till nearly four this morning."

"How do you know?" asked Roy, astounded.

"Because she had business many miles from here. She left in the buggy about seven o'clock, driven by Watson, and they returned together at very nearly daylight. Then you saw her as you describe, peeping out of her door, with her hood off. She had just come back."

"Is it possible?"

"It is a fact, Roy," said Kendryn, turning away; "and nothing can alter it."

All his airy fabric had vanished into thin air. It was not Miss Pin's diary he had read. Whose? For a little while he sat in a dream. His mind refused to work. Who was the author of that manuscript hidden in the breast of his coat? The question rumbled through his brain like vague and distant thunder.

Kendryn had returned to the other chamber, and was busily looking about there, getting papers together, and penciling little memoranda on the backs of some of them, and doing an amazing amount of work generally, in the brief time he had to spare.

At length he was quite ready—his outer coat on and buttoned, for it was a frosty night, and hat and valise in hand. He had lighted an excellent cigar to bear him company on his way to the station, and his wings having been ordered, and now at the door waiting for him, he made ready to depart.

"You see, Roy," he said, the light of his cigar casting a lurid glare over his face in the semi-darkness of the second chamber, where they were standing, "I don't wish to go, but I *must*. It is unfortunate. There is just one thing you can tell me before I start, that will mend me no way with a lighter heart. You can guess what it is?"

"N—no," said Roy somewhat dubiously; "but I think he prevaricated a little.

"Tell me that you like Beatrice Ashdale, that beautiful, good girl! She admires and likes you, I know, ever so much. We must have no nonsense. Here I am playing Sir Pandarus, you know, and all that; but I am not ashamed of the role."

"I understand that, at least."

"I can depend upon your good sense, Roy," continued his wise and true friend, the least bit of anxiety apparent in his kindly and earnest glance. "I am satisfied that I can trust to your sober judgment of your own interest and welfare."

"I *do* like her," said Roy, touched. "There will be no trouble on my score, I think. Love, you know, is a different thing—at least, I suppose so. No doubt it will come in time."

"And as for the packet, it will turn up again. I have never felt any alarm—very little, certainly—on that point. We shall get it again, and all things will come together right."

"Have you any idea where it is?"

"Not the least. But, there—let us dismiss it for the present. You must take my address. Should anything of importance happen, telegraph me without delay, and write regularly an account of how all goes on. I shall try to return as soon as I can."

He was loth to go. He gave Roy a card on which was scrawled an address, and lingered; but there were some other farewells to be made, and time was flying; and so now, with one more shake of the hand, and another smiling nod, he crossed the threshold and was gone.

Roy dropped again into his chair by the desk to think—to try to unwind the skein. How very odd was it not?—that his shrewd friend should have changed his views so suddenly. He had said before: "I shall not rest until the missing packet is found." Now he seemed very resigned over its loss, and satisfied that it would soon come to light again. Could this mean that the thief's interests would be best served by its early restoration?

So the diary was not Delia Pin's? *She* had not invaded the dead man's room and robbed him, at any rate. Who, then, was responsible for this villainous act? There was just one way—and only one—to find out; he must turn to the first pages of the manuscript, and read that little volume from the beginning.

He drew the lamp closer, and was about to take the manuscript from his bosom, when there came another low knock at the door. He had not locked it, he recollected, and in some wonder he bade the visitor enter. The next moment the housemaid, Martha Allen, pale and a little scared, stood before him.

"What now?" he asked rather sharply.

"Mr. Roy, I—I am afraid I made a mistake," the girl began, curiously twisting a string in her hands, and much embarrassed. "I have done very wrong, sir. I should have minded my business."

"What has happened?"

"I—it's a mistake—I was mistaken about Miss Pin," she went on with a gulp.

"I know. She was not here last night, and of course she was not the person I followed through the house."

"No, sir."

"But you have found out who *was* the person. You have not done wrong; you did what you thought best. But you must not deceive me—you must speak frankly, Martha."

"I had no wish to injure anyone," she continued, her distress deepening. "I—I think you had better give me the book again."

"I have read the book—a portion of it. It is not Miss Pin's property. You see, Martha, you had better be candid."

"You will not ruin me, sir? Please give me the book. I wish to put it back where I found it."

There were tears in her eyes. She was nervous and frightened. Evidently, something had come to pass—something alarming—since that episode at the foot of the staircase.

"The book has told me a great deal, but not everything," said Roy. "I have only to read on to find out all. You know, Martha, there was a mystery connected with the death of Mr. Oswynd. I have only to examine this book to find that mystery out."

"Please give it me, Mr. Roy."

"I will give it you on one condition only: you must tell me who was the person I followed last night. The book belongs to that person. She was disguised in Miss Pin's hood and dress. It is not worth while to argue further."

"O Mr. Roy, please don't make me tell! It is best for you not to know, sir. If you knew all you would thank me for not telling—I mean, sir, you will be happier if I keep the secret to myself. Indeed you will, Mr. Roy."

He had risen. The book was in his hand. His usually pale face was flushed. Every nerve in his body quivered.

"Every word you utter, Martha, strengthens my determination. The best service you can do me will be to tell me what I demand to know. Who was in the north wing with me last night? Speak, or, as Heaven is my judge, I will take this light, lock myself into that other room, and read every page written here!"

She fell on her knees.

"Don't ask me, Mr. Roy! For God's sake, for your own sake, for the sake of all of us, don't ask me!"

It was wild, despairing pleading; but she prayed to marble. He had spoken without exaggeration; every word that fell from her lips strengthened his resolve to penetrate the mystery.

"Give me the book, and you shall have this," she cried, taking a handkerchief from her bosom. "I found it in the pocket of the gray gown, along with the book."

"What can I do with that?"

"It will tell you all. There is a name in the corner."

"Whose name?"

"The name of the person you followed. The name of the person who was in Mr. Oswynd's room on the night he died. The name of the person who took that which is missing."

"Are you deceiving me? You told me that you could not read. Do you forget that?"

"I had someone to read it for me."

"Tell me the name, and I will restore the book."

She held out her hand. With her natural shrewdness she had divined that the book contained some terrible evidence. It was plain that she would not speak until the volume was once more in her possession. Roy gave it her.

Swiftly—before he could move or utter a cry—she passed by him and crossed over to the fireplace. Some wood was burning there, crackling and sparkling and sending up a ruddy light. Into the flames she cast the diary, and in an instant it was no more!

"Thank God! thank God!" she murmured, clasping her hands.

Roy had witnessed all this with amazement. He stood there staring at her.

"The name!" he said fiercely. "The book is gone, but you gave me your promise. You shall repent if you break it."

She looked at him steadily and long. In her hand she held the bolt of lightning that would crush him. Was it fear for herself, or was it pity for him, that stayed her arm a moment longer?

"The name!" he cried hoarsely.

"Know it, then, if you will! Beatrice Ashdale!" He glared at her in horror.

"The name!" he shouted furiously.

"Beatrice Ashdale!" she repeated.

TO BE CONTINUED.

THE COUNTRY POET.

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER,
BY BOBBY NEWCOMB.

Was I born a poet? Now, that's rather odd
To ask such a question. Oh, you may nod;
But listen. You see, I have read all the books,
And studied the Muses, their ways and their looks,
Of course, I can't write like those who're more wise,
But down in our county I jest took the prize.

Do I like Byron? No, he don't suit me.
Tennyson? Yes, he's good after tea.
Longfellow? Yes, there's that "Hanging the Crane"—
I like that; but, thunder! it's a mighty queer name.
Bret Harte? Yes; but, then, he doesn't spell right,
And the best of his poems winds up in a fight;
But say, if you're time, here just take this chair—
I'll read you my poem—it took the prize at the fair.

Ah! here it is. I thought it was gone—
It's a little the worse for the wear and torn;
I've lent it around so much, do you see,
It's a wonder it ever got safe back to me.
Recite it from memory? Why, you seem to me a skear,
There is twenty-four pages—he could take me a year;
You aint going? Say, come back—sit down and be larned.
Hey! Come back. No? Well, go, and be darned.

HAND OR GLOVE.

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It is race-day at Jerome Park, and Fifth avenue, the Park, and all the drives and boulevards leading Fordhamwards are thronged with a vast multitude, seeking, by means of every describable and indescribable species of wheeled vehicles, to reach their favorite "coign of vantage" at the club-house, the grand-stand or the quarter-stretch. Here comes a dashing four-in-hand turnout, conveying a merry party of ten or a dozen—lovely women and "golden youth"—but as our story concerns only two of its occupants we will spare the reader a category of its animated freight, and introduce the actors in our little drama without further prelude.

That rather good-looking young man on the box-seat, who is tooling the team with the easy facility born of long practice, is Jack Van Arsdale. Everyone knows Jack, and nearly everyone likes him, as indeed all ought to do, for better fellow doesn't exist. Van Arsdale *pere* delved in the quiet recesses of "The Swamp" for three decades, and, when he was finally gathered to his fathers, left his only son sufficiently well provided with houses and lands, to say nothing of Uncle Samuel's promises to pay, to make that young gentleman a firm believer in the time-honored adage "There's nothing like leather."

Despite the attention required to steer his mettlesome team through the hurrying crowd of carriages, he manages to carry on a very animated conversation with the young lady by his side, whose golden curls, falling in careless profusion from beneath her jaunty hat of brown and white, form so charming a setting for her fresh, fair face. That is Miss Isabel Phillips—Belle her friends call her, and Jack Van Arsdale aspires to be something more than a friend. Indeed, rumor has it that the parties most interested have already "come to terms," and that, ere many months have passed, the Van Arsdale mansion, now given over to the tender mercies of a grim old housekeeper, will be garnished for a bride.

As usual, rumor is wrong, albeit such a consummation would, perhaps, not be unacceptable to both the occupants of the box-seat. But although Miss Belle is fully aware of Jack's adoration, and has probably no intention of rendering an adverse decision when his cause comes to final arbitrament in the court of love, she is in no hurry to fix her fetters, golden though they be, but prefers to exercise the undoubted prerogative of her sex, and coquet "just a little," while yet her hands are free.

Some weighty matter is evidently under discussion; let us avail ourselves of our prerogative, and, having "the receipt of fern-seed," "walk invisible," and be listeners for the nonce.

"I'm sure, Jack, it's perfectly ridiculous. You can't win, and you'll only tumble off and break your arm or your neck, or some other portion of your anatomy; or else you'll fall into the ditch, or 'take a cropper,' as Dal Hunt calls it, over one of those horrid hurdles, and then won't you feel just too cheap for anything?"

"Doubtless—if I meet with any of the dreadful casualties you have so feelingly recounted. But then, you see, I don't intend to perform either of those feats of ground-and-lofty tumbling you've just enumerated, and I do mean to win—bound to do it, in fact."

"Well, it's of no use to waste argument upon such an obstinate person, and of course it's immaterial to me whether you win or come to grief—only I should be sorry if anything happened—to that pretty horse."

"And indifferent as to the rider, I suppose? You ought to be offering up profound supplications for my success, for I'm going to wear your colors. Besides, I've wagered a very comfortable sum on the race already, play or pay, and the economy I'll have to practice if I lose is something fearful to contemplate. By the way, I have no bet with you; what shall it be? I'll take you either way, just to make it interesting, you know."

"I fear you are avaricious, Mr. Van Arsdale, and have designs upon my limited allowance of pin-money; but I've no objection to bet you—say a box of gloves—that you will lose."

"You're quite confident that I am destined to defeat?"

"Perfectly."

"Then suppose we make the stake something a trifle smaller, yet more valuable. Let it be the *hand*, and not the glove"—touching that neatly-gauntleted member as he speaks.

"Mr. Van Arsdale—Jack—I—" There is a momentary hesitation—the pink cheeks are crimson now—then she recovers her self-possession, and the voice is as firm as a rock when she speaks again:

"It *shall* be the *hand*, then, if you wish it; but what is to be *my* trophy if I win?"

"Whatever you will—this, if it suits you"—and he holds up a diamond circlet, that flashes back the sunlight in a thousand prismatic rays.

"The stake is unequal; but, since I have accepted the wager, I will hold to my word; there's my hand upon it."

The light, soft *gant de Suede* is clasped for an instant in the heavy driving-gauntlet then quickly withdrawn, and silence possesses the pair, until, threading his way amid the innumerable vehicles, Jack wheels sharply into the private entrance, and halts before the club-house at Jerome Park.

Dismounting from the drag, the party enter that modest structure, and speedily emerge upon the balcony overlooking the track, where they are soon seated exchanging salutations with a host of friends, studying the "correct cards," listening to the music of the band, and awaiting the first event of the day. There are five races on the programme, but our story is concerned with one only—a "steeplechase for gentlemen riders, over a fair hunting country"—or, in other words, over a track obstructed with divers uncomfortable hurdles, hedges and fences, to say nothing of a ditch or two; and generally contrived in such a manner as to make it seem especially intended to afford the riders every facility for accumulating a large and miscellaneous assortment of broken bones. For this race Jack has entered his favorite gray, "Marvel," and proposes to try a mount.

Four of the races have been run and won; the "fielders" have shouted themselves hoarse over the defeat of the favorites, and now comes an intermission, for the refreshment of the inner man—and woman; and then the event which possesses so peculiar an interest for one of the participants and one spectator.

Belle has been very silent and thoughtful—so much so that her friends have playfully rallied her on her preoccupation; and now, as Jack is taking his leave, preparatory to donning the "tights and tops" which form so essential a part of the costume peculiar to jockeydom, she cannot summon up the ghost of a smile, although she bids him *bon voyage* in a voice that hasn't the shade of a tremor in its steady accents.

Now there is a rush for the best seats from which to view *the* event of the day—the race for gentlemen riders. The secretary of the club has evidently lost no time, for the course is filled with groups of busy men, setting hurdles and otherwise preparing an unusually rugged path for the amateur jockeys. Blanketed racers are pacing to and fro, attended by a swarm of stable-boys. The bell taps, and presently the contestants emerge from the weighing-room, clad in the bravery of silken caps and jackets of various hues. The horses are quickly stripped and saddled, and as the bell taps for the second time there is "mounting in hot haste."

The club-house balcony is now the scene of wondrous flutter and enthusiasm, not unmixed with chaff.

"Oh, do look at Tom Oxford, Minnie. Whatever will he do with his feet?" cries a pink and white beauty to her companion.

"Do?" is the rejoinder. "Why, he intends to have six legs to his horse."

"How absurd! No well-bred racer would deign to be lifted over a hurdle by such adventitious aids."

"Then, my dear, there is but one alternative. He must tie them in a bow-knot beneath his steed."

"Six to one on Dauntless!" cries a fair sportswoman in a high soprano.

"Done!" exclaim half a score in a breath.

"My offer was made with a view to a *possible* acceptor. I do not desire or intend to book half the company."

"A wise resolve, my dear; Stewart's doesn't begin to have a sufficient stock of gloves to liquidate your indebtedness in case you book the takers," sneers a fair one.

"It will give me great pleasure to book *yours*," retorts the ardent partisan of "Dauntless."

Belle remains silent and preoccupied during this storm of banter. *Her* stake is too momentous in its consequences to admit of chaffing over it. She is closely scrutinizing the jockeys through her field-glass, and wondering if the white or blue of Jack will really claim his wager should he prove the winner.

The sound of the last bell abruptly terminates conversation, and all eyes are turned upon the horses and their riders with wistful interest.

"They're off!" shout a score of voices in a breath—a rainbow of colors flashes in the sun, and a rousing cheer from the grand stand heralds the coming racers. The start is a capital one, the horses getting off well together, and taking the first hurdle in fine style.

"Oh, how lovely!" cry the female moiety of the spectators.

"Blue is ahead!"

"Nonsense, Yellow leads."

"Your eyes are jaundiced, my dear."

"None so blind as those that won't see," retorts the backer of "yellow."

Thus far the horses have made the running in a bunch, and taken the leaps without difficulty. Now they disappear behind the bluff. In a moment they will emerge, and before them lies the "big jump" of the race—a wide ditch with a hedge on its farther side. All who take this "facer" safely may be considered safe for the finish.

A clattering and pounding of iron-shod hoofs, accompanied by a cloud of dust, heralds the approach of the contestants to the critical spot. In a moment they burst into view.

Belle leans over the rail with bated breath, peering into the approaching cloud of dust with speechless interest. Her bosom heaves with suppressed excitement and suspense.

On sweep the flying steeds—you could cover them with a table-cloth. They near the crucial leap.

Then the silence is broken by a shout:

"Brown and white is the first over!"

There is a crash, and the artificial hedge is scattered in a hundred fragments.

"Orange and red is out of the running!" elucidates a cold-blooded sportsman, as the luckless wearer of these colors is hurled headlong into the ditch, while his steed scrambles over the fence and escapes into the paddock bordering the course.

"Oh, oh!" cry a bevy of damsels, whose pity has not been swallowed up by the intense excitement.

"Poor fellow, I wonder if he's killed."

"Look at maroon."

"Splendid!"

"By Jove! well taken."

"George! That was a jump."

"There goes Burns. He's safe for a compound-fracture."

Belle heeds not this running fire of comment. Her eyes are strained on one object, and, as the horses sweep by at full-speed under the club-house, her knight is a length in advance, but hotly pressed by dark-green, who, as Dick Olmstead remarks, is "working his passage."

They turn the three-quarter pole and straighten out down the homestretch for the final struggle. There is but one more hurdle to take.

Jack lifts his horse over it with the skill of a professional. Dark-green rises to the leap a trifle too soon, the horse's knees hit the topmost bar, and, simultaneously, steed and rider are rolling in the dust. Blue and white, who has been riding a "waiting race," now forges to front, and the final struggle is to be between Jack and his hitherto unnoticed rival.

They tear down the course at terrific speed. Jack leads, and is urging his gallant gray to the utmost. Cheer on cheer greets them. They near the string. Then some lubberly partisan, in the exuberance of his joy, tosses his hat high in air. The action is fatal to the chances of our hero. His horse is frightened, swerves suddenly, and, before Jack can steady him to his work, blue and white dashes by and is a length in advance. Jack plies whip and spur; he reaches his adversary's flank; they are almost neck-and-neck. It is the supreme moment. The pace is terrific; he can see but indistinctly; all is a blaze of blue and white; a nebulous fringe of waving hats dances before his eyes; his ears ring with the confused noise of cheers and shouts; the gallant gray falters, stumbles, falls, and Jack is shot from the saddle like a stone from a sling. There is a tremendous shock, and then—darkness, until after a time consciousness returns to him; he opens his eyes like one waking from a troubled dream, to find himself on the club-house steps, his brave attire streaked with crimson stains, and bending over him, in an agony of tearless suspense, a face dearer to him than all others on earth.

"Where—where am I—who won?" he feebly murmurs.

"You *should* have won, old fellow," said Dick Olmstead in kindly tones; "but your horse stumbled and fell, and, to say the truth, we thought at first it was all up with you."

"You picked up all the pieces, eh?" Jack manages to drawl in a faint voice.

"Oh, Jack dear, don't speak so lightly of your miraculous escape," murmurs Belle. "It was dreadful. It fairly makes me shudder to think of the way you came down."

"So my little girl has won her wager?" he answers in a low voice, as she bends over him. "It is my usual fortune to lose that which I prize most."

"Why, Jack, what a goose you are! Of course I have won the *gloves*, and—the *ring;* but will you not need the *hand*, for a measure, you know?" and, flushing deeply, she slips her little gloved hand into his.

He grasps it firmly for a moment, murmurs softly "My darling!" and then, beckoning to Dick Olmstead, takes his arm, and, surrounded by his sympathizing friends, makes his way to the drag, now waiting for the party.

Not the least happy among the many thousand returning from the races are that couple, sitting so closely on an inside seat of Jack Van Arsdale's stylish drag, oblivious to everything but the ecstacy of the hour.

As they are evidently *hand and glove*, it would be impertinent to eavesdrop, so we will leave them to the enjoyment of their new-found happiness.

THE EAGLE THEATRE,

of which we give an engraving on our first page, is now being built in this city by Josh Hart, a well-known variety manager. It is located on the westerly side of Sixth avenue, Nos. 545 and 547, between Thirty-second and Thirty-third streets, and near the junction of that avenue with Broadway. The site of the theatre is a portion of an estate, several of the heirs to which are minors, and a litigation has been going on in our local courts for over a year past, in order that a lease of this portion of the real estate might be legally given. That litigation having ended, a lease has been executed to Mr. Hart for a period of ten years, with certain privileges of renewal. The theatre will be devoted to variety performances. Ground was broken on May 1 last, and it is thought that the theatre will be completed on or about September 20. We herewith present our readers with a description of the plans, although they may in some respects be departed from ere the edifice is finished. The exterior or front on Sixth avenue is 28 feet 10 inches wide by 89 feet high. The style of the architecture will be Renaissance, and some of the details will be Neo-Grecque in tre

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SPECIAL PELH.—"Paris pool" and "mutual pool" are identical, the original name being "Paris Mutuel." The process is this: Tickets are usually five dollars each. Each represents a horse, man, or other competitor, and the purchaser can buy one ticket or a thousand or more. Before the race or other event takes place, the pool is closed by the stoppage of sales. Suppose there are but two competitors, A and B. A has been bought in 40 tickets at $5 apiece, and B in 45. First of all, five per cent. is deducted from the gross amount, as the pool-seller's commission. The gross amount of sales being $425, and pool-seller's commissions $21.25, there remains to be apportioned to the holders of tickets on winners $403.75. If A is the winner, every ticket on him is entitled to one-fortieth of $403.75, or $10.09; if B is the winner, every ticket on him draws one forty-fifth, or $8.97. 2. In auction pools, instead of tickets being at a uniform price, the choice of competitors is sold to the highest bidder. If the purchaser's choice wins, he receives the aggregate of all the other purchase-prices—first, second, third, and so on—less three per cent. pool-seller's commissions on the winnings alone. In the Paris Mutuels, observe, the commissions are on the gross amount, winnings and losings combined.

G. H. F.—There is no difference in the records of the two papers. The benefit of W. M. Fleming, announced at the Academy of Music, July 23, 1862, was simply a managerial device to attract public attention. Cecilia Rush was to commence an engagement the following night, and Manager Fleming secured the services of May Provost for one night. He could not announce her engagement for one night only, as that would have injured Miss P.'s professional reputation; so a benefit was announced, and she appeared ostensibly as a volunteer. W. M. Fleming had a benefit at the Academy of Music, which was *really* a benefit, given to him in consequence of his losses during his management at the Winter Garden. It is recorded in THE CLIPPER dated Sept. 13, 1862, that "To night Mr. Fleming will accept a testimonial at the Academy," etc. Had you looked at the heading of the city summary you would have seen that it was dated Monday evening, Sept. 8, 1862, which was the date of this journal going to press, the paper being dated five days in advance. You will find that the other paper you name records the benefit as occurring at the Academy on Sept. 8, 1862.

C. E. D., Phila.—The dimensions of the new yacht Mohawk of the N. Y. C. are as follows: Length over all, from knight-heads to taffrail, 150ft.; on deck, 144ft.; on water-line, 121ft.; depth of hold, 9ft. 4in.; extreme length of bowsprit, 42ft.; length of bowsprit out-board, 30ft.; foremast, 94ft.; foremast, deck to hounds, 56ft.; mainmast, 96ft.; mainmast, 60ft. She measures 163tons. from the top of her clubtopsail to the water, and 235ft. from the end of her mainboom to the end of the flying jibboom. Area of mainsail, 4,506 square feet; balloon staysail, 4,300; squaresail, 3,975; balloon jib, 3,850; foresail, 2,406; jib topsail, 2,343; jib, 2,000; main-clubtopsail, 1,974; working staysail, 1,809; fore-clubtopsail, 1,722; flying jib, 1,320; main-gaffiopsail, 1,000; forestaysail, 950.

C. F. S., Saratoga.—The altitude of the chief mountains in this State, as given in geographies, is generally incorrect. Mount Marcy and Mount McIntyre are therein assigned an altitude respectively of 5,468 and 5,200ft., when the true heights are 5,200 and 4,201ft. But more serious error has been in replacing Mount Dix and Mount Seward third and fourth, assigning to them measurements of 5,175 and 5,150ft., when they are but 4,916 and 4,384ft. high, while Mounts Haystack and Whiteface have heretofore been assigned a considerably greater height of 5,006 and 5,000ft. Mount Santanoni, given an altitude of 5,000ft in the geographies, is but 4,644ft. according to recent surveys.

UMPIRE, Harrisburg.—1. Your decision was correct. The player must follow the base. 2. "Man on second, one also on first, batsman knocks up a short stop, who purposely allows ball to fall through his hands, picks it from the ground, and throws to second; second touches man there, and holds it on base. I decided it 'forced runs,' and struck out batsman and striker was not out." ..... 3. If the player—fielder—handles the ball at all, and checks its progress, or in other words momentarily holds it, it is a catch. To refuse to catch the ball for the purpose of a double-play is legitimate; but the way to do it is to deaden it as it rebounds from the ground.

W. T. KELLEY, Caryodon, Iowa.—"Some of the nines in this section desire to amend rule 3, section 8, that we have no right to change pitcher during the nine innings. They mistake. I think the words, 'But the player acting as pitcher must always remain in position,' to mean that if John Doe commences to pitch he *must* pitch the game out." ..... The rules have always admitted of a change of pitchers. The only meaning words only convey is "remain in position" is, that whoever acts as pitcher—it may be the whole nine, one after another—must deliver the ball from that position.

W. H. K., Kingston.—"Man on first; the striker has a substitute running for him; striker hits fair-foul, which bounds and hits the man that is running, and prevents the catcher from fielding the ball first. The batsman first runs to third, the umpire calls dead ball, and allows the striker to take first, and makes the man that ran to third return to second. Was the umpire right, or what should he have decided, as I don't think it was a dead ball at all?" ..... It was not a dead ball. The striker was out by the obstruction of his substitute.

BASE BALL, Pottsville.—"Suppose that a man is running from third base to home, and the ball, being thrown from the field to home base, passes the catcher and strikes an outsider (one looking on game), who was not in the play (the man had to return to third base, having touched home base before the ball struck the outsider, and before the umpire called 'Dead ball.') ..... Balls stopped by outsiders are only 'dead' for the players nearest the ball is to be settled in the hands of the pitcher while he is in his position. They are not "dead" so as to prevent base-running.

CUBS.—1. It was the White Eagle Club, and not the American Eagle, that was organized by the Whigs of this city in 1844. It was organized in opposition to the Empire Club, and met at Central Hall, Grand street, opposite Centre Market. James J. Bevins, William Poole, Alex. Mason, and Saul Harris were among the members. The last three named were respectively president and first and second vice-presidents. 2. Severn Teackle Wallis, father of Frank Moulton, was president of the Twelfth Ward Whig Club at the same time.

P. M.—Lawrence P. Barrett first performed in public in Detroit, Mich. Shortly afterwards he came to New York and joined Burton's company. He has acted in stock companies in Philadelphia and Boston. Has been engaged in the management of the Varieties Theatre, New Orleans, La., and the California Theatre, San Francisco, Cal., and has traveled as a star for several seasons past. During the past year or two he has been supported by a dramatic company under the management of T. W. Davey.

J. F., Brooklyn.—1. Game of Bunker-Hill: Game of sixty-five and B has fifty-five, and then takes the last trick. Who wins the hand? 2. Cribbage. A plays tray, and B pairs it. A then plays a four, B a deuce, A a five, and B has ace. B is entitled to a run of 4. ..... 1. Which is a tie, and to be referred to the next hand, the winner of which will be entitled to score one, in addition to what that second hand entitles him to. 2. Yes, if there are runs of three or more.

A. M. C.—If the game was the four-ball, each shot counting one, and 100 up being played, then the roomkeeper can demand payment for three games, notwithstanding A's winning the odd game and B's 50. If they were playing independently, he can also charge extra for the games as being three handed, although, in view of the long odds given by A, most roomkeepers would be content to charge for three single-handed games only.

SOLOIST, Cincinnati.—The first public performance of negro melodies by members of which there could take place at the Chatham Theatre, in this city, in Feb., 1843. They were styled the Virginia Minstrels, and Dan Emmit, Frank Brower, Billy Whitlock and Dick Pelham composed the company. The performance was a success, and Dick Pelham, who was then dancing between the pieces there.

D. C. R., Ottawa.—The jury in the Tilton-Beecher case pledged themselves, previous to their sitting, that they could not have taken oath, because there was no one on the jury qualified to administer. Even their pledge of silence was an injudicious proceeding, as it is not in the nature of things that the whole world knows as much about the balloting as the jury did.

W. H. H., Trenton.—As we have not access to the manager's treasurer's books we cannot even guess. She received the certainty of $1,000 per night in gold for every night that she sang, and had her own expenses, as well as those of a certain number of her suite, paid; and, when the receipts of the opera exceeded a certain sum, the excess was divided equally between herself and the manager.

BOSS, Owego.—1. L. J. Vincent is the name of the person referred to, and he is now the acting manager of Booth's Theatre. Has been at Niblo's Garden and the Grand Opera-house. 2. W. Bernheim is *not* a correspondent of this paper. All of our correspondents have credentials. Those claiming to be correspondents that cannot produce them are frauds.

C. C., Philadelphia.—1. Grafton was sired by Vanmeter's Wagner; his dam was Lady Grafton by Lady Enid. Prior to this season he was a pacer. He has a record of 2:22¼. 2. Richard Penistan of Lexington, Ky., purchased him last Fall, and owns him yet. Cannot say who bred him, or where he was raised.

DAVIS, Philadelphia.—The best times of Revenue, by Trustee, are: One mile (second heat), 1:52¾, at Baltimore, May 15, 1856; two miles, 3:54, at Charleston, S. C., February 17, 1847; three miles (heats), 5:54¾, 5:55½, at Broadrock, Virginia, May 8, 1851; four miles, 7:44½, at New Orleans, April 21, 1848.

A. W. B., Prospect Harbor.—1. You can take in the ace if the four with your five, or you can add your five to it, and afterwards take them with your ten. 2. You can, legitimately, by combining kings or queens or six. Nothing will take them but a card of their own kind. 3. It is therefore useless to combine or build them.

INQUIRER, Binghamton.—The best way of, if not to prohibit a contest according to amateur rules, which prohibits seasonable taking part in amateur games. But if professors were to refuse to play with amateurs, then the latter stands as would play with the amateurs, then the bet

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of 1860-61, BOSTIX, Phila.—1. It was during the season of 1860-61, not 1859-60. 2. In the game of cassino a player cannot use more than one pile at a time. 3. A It is a matter of from the board. 4. It is a sweep. 5. cassino. 6. It is not necessary to express

E. AND D., Ohio. the table at one time. 1. A player can have two builds on the contrary knows, at cassino. 2. Whoever asserts to be saw in the contrary is the winner of the game, and whoever was his fancy. this paper is drawing purely upon

W. S. R., Staunton. pitch, and the middle man three parties are playing who dealt. the cards for the game goes out on his pitch, the one third player is not to be d hant must deal again. The ing the trump. ived of his privilege of making

DEALING, Boston. ut was bound in honor to inform A that he had been in race. It was equally obligat med as to the result of the that fact. The transaction st upon as to inquire as to he had the best of it. Each party thought

CONSTANT READER.—On general principles, a man wins who bets on a sure thing. But he can not win if he procures the bet through a fraudulent conc ment of knowledge, nor if he represents as having ke place an event that has already occurred.

LONE STAR, Summit Hill.—1. The r is plain. The player next on the list of batsmen takes the last man's striker. 2. Yes; it counts as one of the t out is the next occasion a called ball is wide of the base, d a strike if it be over the base and at the height called for.

W. S., Fort D. A. Russell.—The distance over the Pennsylvania R. R. from West Philadelphia to Harrisburg is 105 miles; over the Philadelphia & Reading, from Ninth and Green streets to Harrisburg, 106 miles.

A. O. S., Memphis.—1. He never heard of an actress of that name. There is one named Alice Atherton, now performing with the Lydia Thompson Troupe in England. 2. All we know of them is that they deal squarely with us.

G. L. GOODINS, Winona.—The best running times by man for those distances are as follows: 3 miles, 24:40; 6 miles, 29:30; 7 miles, 34:35, by J. White. 8 miles, 40:57; 9 miles, 46:13; 10 miles, 51:26, by L. Bennet, alias Deerfoot.

A. E. R., Warrenton.—You have been misinformed. Fanny Kemble was that lady's maiden name. She married the late Pierce Butler, from whom she was subsequently divorced.

CONSTANT READER.—The origin of the potato is in some doubt, but it is more generally ascribed to Peru. It was introduced into England, and thence into Ireland, by Sir Walter Raleigh, who took it over with him from Virginia.

CIGAR STATION, Milwaukee.—The pure meerschaum pipe is made from a hydrous silicate of magnesia—a metallic substance. The imitations are made from the scrapings of the original, with an admixture of clay.

ENQUIRER.—Assuming that the responsibility of the trump" means, is a two-handed game, that A either made the trump, took it up or ordered it up. B, making five tricks, was entitled to two points.

P. V. K.—A player never antes twice in one deal at poker. A, the dealer, anteed, and the money that B put in had to "see" before drawing cards.

HAWKSHAW.—The correct quotation is "Two souls with but a single thought—two hearts that beat as one;" and it is Parthenia's description of Love, as given to Ingomar in the play of the latter name.

S. D. W., Flora.—Apply to some manager in person for an engagement to play general utility. It is difficult to get such an opening. You will receive a small salary. Most agents do not charge any booking fee.

LEON, Haverstraw.—Carina. A shoe that is ten inches long is necessarily seven inches wide. I probably meant that it was not exactly seven inches. If so, he was bound to explain his meaning.

RAINER, Holly.—If the agreement was that a hat should go to Olds if Beecher was acquitted, but a hat should come from Olds if Beecher was not acquitted, then Olds must furnish a hat.

R. R.—Your father having been a citizen renders you eligible to the Presidency of the United States, in connection with the fact that you have done nothing to abrogate your inherited citizenship.

E. S. J.—1. Pauline Markham made her first appearance in America at Wood's Museum, this city, Sept 28, 1868. 2. Adelaide, Eng., at the Queen's Theatre, Nov. 7, 1867. 3. About 29 years. 4. No.

CONSTANT READER.—Salmon P. Chase died May 7, 1873, in this city; Charles Sumner died March 11, 1874, in Washington, D. C.

N. D.—Either is proper, it depending upon what meaning is sought to be conveyed. The usual expression is "It came off," meaning that it took place.

S. Louis Bachs.—I lose, it, as you say, the Brown Stockings made three runs in the ninth inning, and won the game, the other club scoring less than three.

CONSTANT READER.—The result, probably, of having to work on the 5th of July. Thank you for the gentle reminder.

P. M. C.—1. They are nearly all original with this paper. Some have since been set to music. 2. The salary would depend on his ability and popularity.

F. A., Staten Island.—No answer by mail. Not in the business at present. Cannot say whether he is living or not.

F. F., San Francisco.—1. The name of the dramatist of the first version has never been given to the public. 2. Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Bates are in Australia.

J. H. B., Chargeman.—The prices fluctuate so much that we can give you no idea. Write to Theodore J. Harbach, Philadelphia, Pa., who will send you a price list.

CORNET.—1. Levy is dismissed to P. S. Gilmore's band, now performing at Gilmore's Concert Garden, this city.

FLORENCE MCC.—1. Nearly all of them are original with this paper. 2. The salary depends upon the merits and popularity of the performer.

BILED ILL, Virginia.—1. Dobson's, probably. 2. Black pants and vest and blue-checked shirt, or an entire suit of white duck.

GUSTAVE WESLIN.—"1. If at cribbage A plays a deuce, B a tray, and A a four, can B play an ace and count 4 holes? 2. Do double runs count while pegging?" ..... 1. Yes. 2. Yes.

KEYSTONE, Youngstown.—1. If you can give any idea regarding the date, perhaps we can find it. 2. Geo. Seward's time, 2½sec., and 19¼sec., is the best for 100 and 200 yards.

J. S. MURPHY, Boston.—The late Walter Brown defeated William Sadler (a brother of the English champion) in a race on the Tyne River, Eng., in November, 1869.

C. C. C., Chicago.—The Paris Crew of St. John, N. B., were beaten by an English crew, stroked by Renforth, at Lachine, Canada, in 1870.

J. W. P. K., Ripley.—1. White, Allison and Hicks. 2 Starr, Dahlman and Mills. 3. Cannot say. 4. Do not know.

5. Boston, St. Louis and Athletic. 6. St. Louis.

C. B. R., Savannah.—We know of no dealers in such materials. There are plenty for sale by the sidewalk merchants in this city.

J. D. S., Indianapolis.—No answers by mail. We have a correspondent in your city at present. Will consider the matter in September, when we renew credentials.

A. D.—1. If you had read last week's CLIPPER you would have known that he is engaged with them for next season. 2. We do not publish the residences of professional ladies.

J. S. D., Princton.—At cassino a player has the right to look at the last trick taken in, either by himself or by his antagonist.

DENNY, Philadelphia.—A seven and an ace being on the table, the player can combine to ten by adding a deuce from his hand.

G. W. W., Westerville.—The art of painting scenery is totally distinct from that of painting in oil—hence your experience would be of little avail.

A. C. D., Chicago.—The French horse Gladiateur is not in Illinois. He is advertised to be sold at Tattersalls this month, in London, to close a copartnership.

CURSER, Buffalo.—It is not necessary for you to patent it, unless a monopoly of the traffic is desired; but we believe a stamp is necessary.

LEX, Philadelphia.—Henrietta, Fleetwing and Vesta were the yachts, and it was from the Fleetwing that the men were washed.

BURLINGTON AND TRENTON.—As it required at least three innings to win the game, A, who bet that it would be won in 9, is clearly loser.

J. H. B., St. Louis.—Having bet that the St. Louis would beat the Atlantics in one inning, and the best inning of the St. Louis being 7, and the Atlantics' total 2, A loses.

W. M. R., Binghamton.—The bet is invalid, unless both parties to it knew, at the time of laying it, that the amateur club would have a professional in its ranks.

MORRY, Cleveland.—The statement of facts, which you called for, decided the bet. That any three wins who bet that Cooke was never beaten at English billiards by Rudolphe.

H. H., Philadelphia.—Each having one point to go, the turning-up of the jack put A out.

ANXIETY.—Watch our foreign summary. When we have intelligence of a winning horse we print it there.

G. F. R.—A pair of sixes and a pair of fives beat aces and sixes at poker dice.

HAVY, Middletown.—Apply by letter to the member of Congress for your district.

WINDSOR TOM.—Goldsmith Maid's best time at Springfield, Mass., is 2:16, made at Hampden Park Aug. 19, 1874, by Dexter Horton. We will do so charge. Send them along, and they will be given a place.

E. L. S., Terre Haute.—It is good for a first effort, but there is nothing fresh about it. Try again.

IN DOUBT, Chelsea.—It is a word coined by a correspondent of *The Boston Herald* to describe "fair-foul."

R. H. T., Portland.—Ask the Professional Association adopt the rules and endorse the explanations.

D. H. R.—1. See report of game. 2. Booth was ill in bed with chills and fever. 3. Do not know.

GIRL AND BOY.—Your letter and old bills were duly received, and we thank you for them.

J. W. F., Cleveland.—Our turf-reporter will attend to them.

INQUISITIVE MICK, Baltimore.—1. None that we know of. 2. Will answer next week. 3. It is incorrect.

J. B.—Apply to any manager for an engagement for general utility.

BOSTON, Boston.—No. She made her first appearance in your city with a company of her own.

W. H. W., St. John.—Thank you. Such items will be thankfully received.

DECLINED.—"Double Dimple," "Dainty Little," "Please Lend Me Your Dictionary," "I Shall Only Be too Happy."

W. R., Dayton.—The feat you describe was performed twenty-five years ago by Charley La Forrest, and since by James Melville, James Robinson, Sebastian and others.

J. T.—The run counts. The decision, otherwise, was correct.

PICK NINE, Renova.—Yes; if by the "back stop" you mean the catcher.

E. W., Galena.—Do not know. We should say not, however.

C. E. M., Bridgeport.—An error of one game. Seven is the correct figure.

BOATMAN, Baltimore.—No one has any right to declare such bets off.

INQUISITIVE, St. Louis.—We give all that we receive concerning them. See reports in this issue.

HARRY CANN, St. Louis.—The fight not having taken place, the bet is a draw.

JAMES MCLOLAN.—We have not heard of him since he was in Chicago, some weeks ago.

TOM AND MAX, Worcester.—We have no record of practice during 1875.

WM. H. MCCABE.—1. A wins. 2. Jim Mace has been beaten by Licker Pratt, Bob Brettle and Tom King.

E. G. HALL, Noblesville.—We suppose you mean, "Does the run count?" It does not.

E. C. L., Wichita.—He has played in one or two games only. He retired himself.

P. F. G., Pottsville.—1. We do not know. 2. The base-runners do not. 3. Spaulding and White.

JOSEPH S., Jr., Joseph.—No railroad train running out of this city ever averaged sixty miles an hour.

CONSTANT READER.—The limit should be marked on the alley.

P. S. P., Detroit.—They can be addressed in care of this office.

COOK, Brooklyn.—B loses. Throwing eight is not beating it.

NEW HAVEN.—Seven is the number. The outside game at Dover was not recorded—hence the mistake.

SPORT, Binghamton.—Having been made "eights," the cards could not be built to "ten" or "tens."

W. W., Altoona.—It would take us a week to find out. We have already devoted five hours to it.

L. D., Camden.—No answers by mail. See circus summary of this city issue.

SUTTON, Lexington, Ky.—Yes; nearer twenty than seven.

NEWARK, N. J.—Address Ed. James, whose card will be found elsewhere.

SPORTING LIFE.—Letter addressed to him in care of this office will reach him.

J. D. M., Leroy.—None of the persons you name are performing at present.

MAC, Williamsport.—Goldsmith Maid's best time is 2:14, made at Mystic Park, Boston, Sept. 2, 1874.

CASSINO, West Troy.—The player who first calls game wins it.

SUMARL.—1. B's gift of four put A out. 2. Cannot say at present.

G. D. H., Baltimore.—A having made it "ten," his partner did right in throwing his own ten on the board.

RAILROAD, Shreveport.—The length of the Great Eastern is 680ft.

J. M., Fort Edward.—The record of the horse is 2:37¾. The timing of outsiders cannot prevail.

E. J. C., Holyoke.—Patsy Hogan was awarded the money.

W. C., Boonton.—We have no knowledge in the matter.

JOHN D., Phila.—It shall be duly returned. Thank you.

A. S. F., Philadelphia.—We don't know what they get.

A. A. BARTLETT, St. John's.—It should have been done.

SOUTH SIDE, Boston.—He should be charged with an error.

READER, Gloversville.—Aug. 3, 4, 5, 6, Buffalo, N. Y.

F. W., Ann Arbor.—Sixes are highest at poker dice.

CARUS WILSON.—Yes; in every inning. She received the certainty of $1,000 per night in gold for every night that she sang, and had her own expenses, as well as those of a certain number of her suite, paid; and, when the receipts of the opera exceeded a certain sum, the excess was divided equally between herself and the manager.

BOSS, Owego.—1. L. J. Vincent is the name of the person referred to, and he is now the acting manager of Booth's Theatre. Has been at Niblo's Garden and the Grand Opera-house. 2. W. Bernheim is *not* a correspondent of this paper. All of our correspondents have credentials. Those claiming to be correspondents that cannot produce them are frauds.

C. C., Philadelphia.—1. Grafton was sired by Vanmeter's Wagner; his dam was Lady Grafton by Lady Enid. Prior to this season he was a pacer. He has a record of 2:22¼. 2. Richard Penistan of Lexington, Ky., purchased him last Fall, and owns him yet. Cannot say who bred him, or where he was raised.

DAVIS, Philadelphia.—The best times of Revenue, by Trustee, are: One mile (second heat), 1:52¾, at Baltimore, May 15, 1856; two miles, 3:54, at Charleston, S. C., February 17, 1847; three miles (heats), 5:54¾, 5:55½, at Broadrock, Virginia, May 8, 1851; four miles, 7:44½, at New Orleans, April 21, 1848.

A. W. B., Prospect Harbor.—1. You can take in the ace if the four with your five, or you can add your five to it, and afterwards take them with your ten. 2. You can, legitimately, by combining kings or queens or six. Nothing will take them but a card of their own kind. 3. It is therefore useless to combine or build them.

INQUIRER, Binghamton.—The best way of, if not to prohibit a contest according to amateur rules, which prohibits seasonable taking part in amateur games. But if professors were to refuse to play with amateurs, then the latter stands as would play with the amateurs, then the bet

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of 1860-61, BOSTIX, Phila.—1. It was during the season of 1860-61, not 1859-60. 2. In the game of cassino a player cannot use more than one pile at a time. 3. A It is a matter of from the board. 4. It is a sweep. 5. cassino. 6. It is not necessary to express

E. AND D., Ohio. the table at one time. 1. A player can have two builds on the contrary knows, at cassino. 2. Whoever asserts to be saw in the contrary is the winner of the game, and whoever was his fancy. this paper is drawing purely upon his fancy.

W. S. R., Staunton. pitch, and the middle man three parties are playing who dealt. the cards for the game goes out on his pitch, the one third player is not to be d hant must deal again. The ing the trump. ived of his privilege of making

DEALING, Boston. ut was bound in honor to inform A that he had been in race. It was equally obligat med as to the result of the that fact. The transaction st upon as to inquire as to he had the best of it. Each party thought

CONSTANT READER.—On general principles, a man wins who bets on a sure thing. But he can not win if he procures the bet through a fraudulent conc ment of knowledge, nor if he represents as having ke place an event that has already occurred.

LONE STAR, Summit Hill.—1. The r is plain. The player next on the list of batsmen takes the last man's striker. 2. Yes; it counts as one of the t out is the next occasion a called ball is wide of the base, d a strike if it be over the base and at the height called for.

W. S., Fort D. A. Russell.—The distance over the Pennsylvania R. R. from West Philadelphia to Harrisburg is 105 miles; over the Philadelphia & Reading, from Ninth and Green streets to Harrisburg, 106 miles.

A. O. S., Memphis.—1. He never heard of an actress of that name. There is one named Alice Atherton, now performing with the Lydia Thompson Troupe in England. 2. All we know of them is that they deal squarely with us.

G. L. GOODINS, Winona.—The best running times by man for those distances are as follows: 3 miles, 24:40; 6 miles, 29:30; 7 miles, 34:35, by J. White. 8 miles, 40:57; 9 miles, 46:13; 10 miles, 51:26, by L. Bennet, alias Deerfoot.

A. E. R., Warrenton.—You have been misinformed. Fanny Kemble was that lady's maiden name. She married the late Pierce Butler, from whom she was subsequently divorced.

CONSTANT READER.—The origin of the potato is in some doubt, but it is more generally ascribed to Peru. It was introduced into England, and thence into Ireland, by Sir Walter Raleigh, who took it over with him from Virginia.

CIGAR STATION, Milwaukee.—The pure meerschaum pipe is made from a hydrous silicate of magnesia—a metallic substance. The imitations are made from the scrapings of the original, with an admixture of clay.

ENQUIRER.—Assuming that the responsibility of the trump" means, is a two-handed game, that A either made the trump, took it up or ordered it up. B, making five tricks, was entitled to two points.

P. V. K.—A player never antes twice in one deal at poker. A, the dealer, anteed, and the money that B put in had to "see" before drawing cards.

HAWKSHAW.—The correct quotation is "Two souls with but a single thought—two hearts that beat as one;" and it is Parthenia's description of Love, as given to Ingomar in the play of the latter name.

S. D. W., Flora.—Apply to some manager in person for an engagement to play general utility. It is difficult to get such an opening. You will receive a small salary. Most agents do not charge any booking fee.

LEON, Haverstraw.—Carina. A shoe that is ten inches long is necessarily seven inches wide. I probably meant that it was not exactly seven inches. If so, he was bound to explain his meaning.

RAINER, Holly.—If the agreement was that a hat should go to Olds if Beecher was acquitted, but a hat should come from Olds if Beecher was not acquitted, then Olds must furnish a hat.

R. R.—Your father having been a citizen renders you eligible to the Presidency of the United States, in connection with the fact that you have done nothing to abrogate your inherited citizenship.

E. S. J.—1. Pauline Markham made her first appearance in America at Wood's Museum, this city, Sept 28, 1868. 2. Adelaide, Eng., at the Queen's Theatre, Nov. 7, 1867. 3. About 29 years. 4. No.

CONSTANT READER.—Salmon P. Chase died May 7, 1873, in this city; Charles Sumner died March 11, 1874, in Washington, D. C.

N. D.—Either is proper, it depending upon what meaning is sought to be conveyed. The usual expression is "It came off," meaning that it took place.

S. Louis Bachs.—I lose, it, as you say, the Brown Stockings made three runs in the ninth inning, and won the game, the other club scoring less than three.

CONSTANT READER.—The result, probably, of having to work on the 5th of July. Thank you for the gentle reminder.

P. M. C.—1. They are nearly all original with this paper. Some have since been set to music. 2. The salary would depend on his ability and popularity.

F. A., Staten Island.—No answer by mail. Not in the business at present. Cannot say whether he is living or not.

OUR SUMMER SPORTS.

We are enraptured. Why? Look over the well-filled columns of THE NEW YORK CLIPPER, and there you have your answer. For nearly a quarter of a century we have labored hard to instill into the public mind the necessity of physical exercises and sportive recreation. The field was almost barren when we took hold of the plough, and prepared the ground for the grand outgrowth that was sure to come in after years. We have seen the rise and fall of the Prize Ring—the latter brought about by the gangs of roughs who managed "manly contests" for their own individual gain; and which the principals in the Ring should have discountenanced and crushed out at the very beginning. For years we gave the exponents of the science of manual defense good advice, and defended them against the assaults of that portion of the press who took every opportunity to denounce them in common with all admirers of athletic exercises. For several years past the conduct of Ring-masters and Ring-goers has been such as to disgust patrons of manly boxing and drive them away. And now the little interest manifested in "arenic sports" of a pugilistic character is confined to a corporal's guard of fistic heroes. We have witnessed the beginning of baseball, and year by year have assisted in giving it greater popularity, until now our national game has extended to every part of this continent, and our brave sailor-boys have carried the bat and the ball to almost every part of the civilized world, and exhibited the beauties of the sport to the well-pleased natives of other lands. The game has grown up with the growth of THE CLIPPER, and to its increase among our youth may be attributed their better physical condition. So, too, with sports upon the waters—these we have aided in popularizing until nearly every sheet of water in the United States has its yachting fleet or its rowing clubs. As from small acorns grow the largest oaks, so from our miniature yachts have sprung the grandest specimens of naval architecture. To the influence exerted by the crack pigeon-shooters of the past may be attributed the development of the unexcelled rifle teams of the present day. We were present at their birth, and have assisted in bringing them up as a credit to the universal Yankee nation. Our colleges and other schools of learning now have their gymasiums, their boat clubs, their baseball and cricket organizations—all of which, by strengthening the physical man, add to his mental culture and progress in the arts and sciences. Verily, THE CLIPPER has much to boast of in the aid and comfort it has given to the rising generation, and for the many improvements its influence has assisted in adding to the common-school system of the country.

NEWS OF THE WEEK BOILED DOWN.

***July 12: Orangemen in various parts of the country celebrated the Battle of the Boyne by parades, banquets, etc. A riot occurred at Lawrence, Mass., several persons being injured.....Cable dispatches were to the effect that military combinations had been made in Spain, which would compel Don Carlos to take refuge in France, or accept battle under circumstances which render defeat certain; that the Spanish Ambassador at Paris insists upon the French Government arresting or driving back Carlists who may endeavor to cross the boundary in order to enter Navarre; that the draft of the new Spanish Constitution provides that the Senate shall be composed of two classes of members—Senators by hereditary title, Senators elected by popular corporations, and Senators nominated by the Crown, all grandees receiving incomes of $10,000 and over being included in the first class.....Dispatches from Madrid announce that the Carlists, disarmed and interned 6 Carlist officers and 172 men belonging to Dorregaray's rear-guard, they having invaded French territory; that the Spanish Constitutional Committee will suppress, by a vote of 23 to 10, the article in the New Constitution embodying the principle of religious liberty; that the King of Burmah, India, had been again requested to permit the landing of British troops through his country; that a diplomatic agent of China is going to Madrid, Spain, and Chinese consuls will be appointed in Cuba; that the American riflemen had arrived in London, Eng., and that Messrs. Moody and Sankey, the revivalists, will sail for New York Aug. 4.....Fatal casualties: Frank Brogan was buried alive by the caving-in of a coal-mine at Beaver Meadow, Pa.; Andrew Gilrunm and John Welch were burned to death at Lawrence, Mass.; Thomas McCarthy, a railroad brakeman, had his head cut off at Ralston, N. Y.....Jacques Steelman of Newark, N. J., died from the effects of a dose of Paris-green, taken with suicidal intent.....Frank Rodecker of Mott Haven, N. Y., who shot himself sometime in the head, died from the wounds he received.

***July 15: Ex-Governor Wells of Virginia was appointed District Attorney at Washington, D. C., vice George F. Fisher, removed, for alleged loose administration of the affairs of his office.....At Northampton, Mass., Mr. Patrick D. Dimmock attempted to shoot Dr. A. W. Thompson, because he failed to keep his promise to marry her.....It was called that a number of persons had been poisoned, live stock washed away, crops injured, and much other damage done by floods in England and Wales; that the House of Commons passed, by a vote of 180 to 16, the grant to defray the expenses of the Prince of Wales' visit to India; that inquiry failed to obtain confirmation of the rumor regarding co-operation between England, Germany and the United States to bring about the close of the war in Cuba, and secure the independence of the Spanish colonies in the West Indies; that Gen. Dorregaray had entered Catalonia, Spain, pursued by the commands of Generals Lizer and Martinez Campos; that the pawnbroking department of the Italian Government offers for sale an unredeemed gallery of paintings; that an insurrection had broken out in Hamo, Burmah, and another treaty for the suppression of the slave trade on the East coast of Africa was completed while the Sultan of Zanzibar was in England, and that Lambert, Brothers & Seal, retail merchants of London, Eng., had failed, owing $1,000,000.....The bronze statue of Lafayette, presented by the French Government to this city, as a token of gratitude for sympathy with France during the war with Germany, arrived here, and will be placed in Central Park.....Two Indians were reported to have been killed, and three wounded, by soldiers on the Little White Earth River, Neb., which is on the reservation.....Patrick Kehoe of Jersey City, N. J., who killed his wife, was found guilty of murder in the second degree.....Wm. Curtis Wood, aged fifteen years, of Yale, Mo., committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart with a revolver in New Haven, Ct.....It was stated in a dispatch from Portland, Me., that Osborne Miller and Henry Burns were drowned by the foundering of a boat.....The Governor of Pennsylvania signed the death warrant of Barney McCue, who is to be executed Aug. 9 for the murder of John Deter.....Thomas T. De Witt, chief clerk in the office of his brother, Corporation counsel De Witt, died in Brooklyn, L. I., from the effects of a large dose of corrosive sublimate, taken in mistake for brandy.....Losses by fire: C. S. Pope's grocery store, Joseph Wilson's dwelling, and other property, in Dunellin, N. J.—loss $26,000, insured for $13,500; Creighton's saw-mill, Cincinnati, O.—loss $35,000, insured for $15,000; Doe & Hunnewell's shops, Cambridge, Mass.—loss $4,000; George Horton's fancy goods store, at Matteawan, N. J.—loss $4,000.

***July 16: Railroad and other property in Maryland was greatly damaged by heavy rains.....The Roman Catholic clergy of Lawrence, Mass., in a card condemnatory of the riot on the 12th, expressed the hope that the ringleaders may be made to feel the enormity of their crime.....Deputy U. S. Collector George N. Jackson, an alleged defaulter to the amount of $45,000, committed suicide by taking poison, in Louisville, Ky.....Foreign dispatches stated that a meeting held in London, Eng., and presided over by Mr. Dismell, it was resolved to open a subscription for the erection of a statue of Lord Byron, and Gen. Wilson, an American, said he was sure his countrymen would gladly contribute at least one-quarter of the $10,000 estimated as its cost; that court circles in Berlin denied the report of a proposed intervention by Germany in Spanish colonial affairs, in conjunction with England and the United States; that the provinces of Valencia and Castellan, Spain, are free of Carlists, fresh bands of whom have taken refuge in France; that the inquiry into the loss of the steamer Vicksburg had closed at Liverpool, Eng., and it was understood that the verdict exonerates the captain from all blame.....Suicides: Charles Foote, a lawyer, by taking laudanum, in Syracuse, N. Y.; Amasa J. Taft, in same manner, at Cleveland, O.; Mrs. Thayer, an aged widow, of same place, hanged herself.....$9,000 damage was caused by an explosion in the grist mills of C. P. Lovejoy, at St. Stephen, N. B.....James F. Van Etten and his son were drowned at Rochester, N. Y.....Louis Grist was killed in this city by falling from a roof.

***July 17: Gen. Alexander Hamilton, aged 19, was killed by a lightning-stroke at Cape Vincent, N. Y.....The whale which broke the propeller of the steamship Scythia was taken into Queenstown harbor by a tug.....At the annual dinner of the London Club, at Greenwich, Eng., the American guests—Gen. McDowell, Nathan Appleton and others—were cordially received.....It was asserted that the Germania Life Insurance Co. had ordered that declarations of submission by Catholic clergymen to the new laws shall be kept strictly secret, in order that they may escape persecution, by the Ultramontanes.....Dispatches from Havana announced that the Spanish man-of-war Churruca chased a British schooner into the harbor of Hayti, and found a contraband cargo on board; and that the Cubans had captured two forts near Barcons, with their garrisons.....During a fight between Italians in this city, I. Giovanni Morelli was fatally and Giuseppe Rosetti seriously stabbed by Giuseppe Frango.....Taylor Fortner, a noted ruffian, murdered his wife at Bear Creek, Ky.....Losses by fire: A building occupied by Street & Smith, proprietors of *The N. Y. Weekly*, Henry Seymour, scissors manufacturer, and others, this city—loss over $30,000; Gregory's hardware store, and other buildings, Minder, Canada—loss $30,000; Lewis Schultze's furniture factory, Chicago, Ill.—loss $80,000, lightly insured; John McLean's clothing store and adjoining property, Newburg, N. Y.—loss about $30,000, insured.

***July 18: It was announced that in a terrible riot at San Miguel, Central America, caused by the action of the Government, Generals Cuartel and Castro were killed.....Tragedies: Samuel L. Ballay, aged 21, shot and killed his father in this city; Thos. Sorrell, a negro, employed in the stables of Col. McDaniel the turfman, killed Samuel Peterson, also colored, and fatally stabbed another negro named Wm. A. Sanders, during an affray in this city.....Lady Franklin, widow of Sir John Franklin, died in England.....At

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THE COLLEGE REGATTA.

CORNELL WINS THE UNIVERSITY AND FRESHMEN RACES.

Yale carries off the Scullers' Prize.

HONORS TO THE CONQUERORS.

Similar only in the matter of attendance to the regatta of last year, with its vexatious delays, unnecessary postponements, general execrable management, and other annoying features; or that of 1873, on the Connecticut River, with its glaringly incompetent judges and regatta committee, never to be forgotten disgonal finish and consequent unsatisfactory decision, extortionate transportation and hotel charges, and disagreeable adjuncts generally, the fifth annual race meeting of the Rowing Association of American Colleges, held on Lake Saratoga last week, far excelled all of its predecessors. Never before were such efforts made to insure a fair and satisfactory contest, never before were the competitors so well quartered and cared for, and never previously were such exertions made to compass the comfort of the spectators, and provide for the accommodation of as many as were attracted to the scene of this annual battle for collegiate supremacy upon the water; added to which, the regatta committee and other officials were men who thoroughly understood the business they were appointed or chosen to attend to; for promptitude characized the starting of the several events, the elements did not interfere in any degree with the arrangements, there was no fooling in either race, and consequently annoying delays or mishaps were avoided, and the utmost good feeling prevailed among the members of the rival crews subsequently to as well as before the contests. It was a treat to observe the harmony which existed among the actors in this aquatic drama, as well as among the collegemen who had rallied to give them encouragement and support, and this will not fail to be productive of good fruit a year hence.

Among the improvements introduced this year was the division of the course into six lanes by the placing of rows of buoys, surmounted with flags at distances of an eighth of a mile the entire length, each crew having a course one hundred feet wide in which to row. It had been feared that instead of this preventing a repetition of the hapless collisions which had spoiled previous races, the inexperienced boxmen would in the excitement of actual racing become confused, and perhaps make matters worse than before—apprehension which seemed not unwarranted from the fact that, in practice, several of the crews met with accidents by running into the buoys constituting the dividing lines. Fortunately, however, these fears proved groundless, there being but one or two instances of boats getting out of their own water, and then only momentarily—while they were at no time close enough for oars to touch—and but one collision with a buoy, and that was given up without any result of the race. These buoys were set at the expense of the Saratoga Rowing Association, and cost about $1,500. A broad sidewalk ran from the town to the lakeside, near the grand stand, opposite the finish; providing cottages for such of the crews as preferred them to farm-houses or lakeside hotels, and two of these were erected since the regatta of 1874 by the live men of Saratoga, John Conkling; and taking such measures as operated for the protection of the public from the depredations of the hordes of hackmen and others having conveyances for hire It is probable that all this will be still more improved upon next year in the building of a railroad direct to the lake. Another step in the right direction, especially worthy of notice and commendation, was the placing of a steam yacht on the lake possessed of sufficient power to keep with the flying shells, which was not the case at any regatta in former years, and probably never would have been the case at Springfield, where public spirit goes for nothing. It was built in this city by Henry Southgate, one of the Association's hardest workers, who placed it at the service of the referee, who was thus enabled to clearly see and more fairly decide on all the competitive points at the finish, and, had any trouble occurred between any of them, would not have been obliged to give a decision upon information based upon the statements of others. The little craft has been christened the Madge, and in a trial trip against a stiff wind she is said to have run a mile in 5:06, which is fast enough steaming for all purposes. The other steam yacht, Commodore Ferris and Mary upon which were judges and members of the press, were left far behind by the racers, and glasses had to do duty, with questionable success.

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7. *Wesleyan*, Middletown, Ct.—Walter H. Downs (bow and captain), '75; J. W. Whitney, '76; F. W. Fort, '75; H. W. Rogers, '78; D. H. Jack, '78; Cyrus F. Marsh (stroke), '77. Average age, 23; height, 5.09½; weight, about 159 5-6. Cedar boat, by George Roahr, 49x21. Colors, lavender.....5
10. *Yale*, New Haven, Ct.—George L. Brownell (bow), '75, S. S.; Wm. C. Hall, '73, S. S. S.; David H. Kellogg, '76; Charles N. Fowler, '76; Julian Kennedy, '75, S. S. S.; Robert J. Cook (stroke and captain), '76. Average age, 22¾; height, 5.10½; weight, about 159lb. Cedar boat, by Kasak & Collins. Colors, blue and white.....6
3. *Amherst*, Amherst, Mass.—Wm. O. Weeden (bow), '77; Saml. K. Johnson (captain), '76; Harry G. Beed, '76; George H. Reed, '78; H. A. Hull, '78; Milton A. Goodnow (stroke), '76. Average age, 22; height, 5.10¾; weight, about 158 lb. Cedar boat, by Blakey, 50x20½. Colors, purple and white.....7
5. *Brown*, Providence, R. I.—Chris. M. Lee (bow), '77; Samuel J. Bradbury (captain), '77; Solon S. Roper, '76; Wm. H. Potter, '77; Geo. F. Preston, '78; Franklin H. Walter A. Peak, '77; Geo. F. Preston, '78; Franklin H. Brown (stroke), '78. Average age, 21½; height, 5.11; weight, about 155½lb. Cedar boat, by E. Fowler & Co., 40 9x20¾. Colors, brown.....8

THE SECOND REGATTA of the series of three for the championship of the Dorchester Yacht Club, was sailed off Commercial Point, Dorchester, Mass., July 10. The entries numbered two first-class, five second-class, two third-class and seven fourth-class centre-board boats; five first-class, and one second-class keel-boats. Winners: Lillie, Wanderer, Bristol, Rocket, Mariquitta and Maduff.

FOUR-OARED Race.—The North-End Boat Club of Boston, Mass., held their annual four-oared race for gold and silver medals, on the 12th inst., off Constitution wharf. Four crews started, and the gold medals were won by J. Mack (bow), M. Sullivan, G. Shannon, J. Davis (stroke), and the silver medals by M. Burke (bow), T. Scott, J. Connelly, G. Griffin (stroke). J. Burns officiated as referee.

A REGATTA in which only local oarsmen took part came off on Lake Quinsigamond, Mass., July 10. The open boat race, two miles, was won by Thos. King, in 21:45; the working-boat race, same distance, by John Joyce, in 19:28, and the pair-oared race, same course, by Rice and Moore, in 20:52.

THE ROCKAWAY (L. I.) YACHT CLUB elected the following board of officers July 13: President, Nathaniel M. Duryea, of Brooklyn; Vice-President, Edward Lamontagne; commodore, Daniel Lord, Jr.; treasurer, Alex. H. Stevens; secretary, Alfred Neilson.

BILLY SCHARFF exercises in his shell daily on the Monongahela River, but, by the advice of his physician, will refrain from engaging in a race this season.

THE YACHT RACE continued from the 5th inst. was decided at Albany, N. Y., July 12. The distance was ten miles, and the C. E. Knowles won, with the Eddie second.

HOUNDS AT THE OAR.—The fourth annual regatta of the Original Hound Benevolent Association of this city came off July 12, at Dudley's Grove, on the Hudson River. The first race was for single 6-scull working boats, entries as follows: J. Foley, Phil Blake and Martin Carroll. The race was for a gold badge valued at $35 and the championship of the organization; distance, 3½ miles. Foley led for the first mile, closely followed by Foley and Carroll; but, after rounding the stakeboat, Foley took the lead, and won the race in 31:25, beating Blake three lengths. The next race was for double-sculls. John McClane and F. Brown entered the Manhattan, built by Geo. Roahr; Michael Donohue and Wm. McClane the Waverly, also by Roahr; and H. M. Brady and T. M. Raleigh the Nameless, by John Moriarty. This race was for a medal for each man of the winning crew; value, $25 each; distance, 3½ miles. It was quite exciting for the first two miles, after which the Nameless passed its competitors and came in an easy winner in 30:30. Waverly second, in 32:15. The barge race, for a set of colors, was postponed until July 31. John Devlin, referee and starter.

THE NEW HOUSE of the Palisade Boat Club of Yonkers, N. Y., was formally opened July 9. The building, which is two stories in height, is 65x25 feet; first-floor ceiling, 15ft. high; second, 11ft. 3in. The first floor is, as usual, devoted to club purposes, and contains a large room, which is second in a parlor 20x24 feet, and a dressing-room of like dimensions, with fifty-four lockers. A door in the rear of the parlor opens upon a covered balcony 25x18 feet, which can be directly reached by a stairway from below. The house is furnished and decorated handsomely in the interior, and the exterior has been recently painted a pretty color, delicately tinted with blue, and trimmed in dark brown.

THE LAKEMAN BOAT CLUB of Boston, Mass., held their annual picnic, and the boat races thereunto belonging, at Spy Pond last week, the prizes being won by the Hull crew. The single-scull race, for a handsome gold medal, fell back, while Wesleyan headed them, striving hard to overhaul the boats of the Talesmen. There was nothing to choose between Harvard and Cornell when the two miles had been covered, while Columbia and Dartmouth were rowing for third place, the former shortly afterwards getting the best of the latter, and had any trouble occurred between any of them, would not have been obliged to give a decision upon information based upon the statements of others. The little craft has been christened the Madge, and in a trial trip against a stiff wind she is said to have run a mile in 5:06, which is fast enough steaming for all purposes. The other steam yacht, Commodore Ferris and Mary, upon which were judges and members of the press, were left far behind by the racers, and glasses had to do duty, with questionable success.

At a meeting held by the regatta committee the week previous, it was decided to alter the dates from those originally announced, viz., the 13th and 14th, previously set for the scullers' race at 11:30 A. M., on Tuesday, followed by the Freshmen contest as soon thereafter as the conclusion of the preceding event; this Universityrace being held preparatory to the contest of the succeeding day. The weather overseer interposed not the slightest objection to the carrying out of the plans agreed upon, the day opening delightfully, as it did, and so it was ended, for by all odds it was not till the Freshmen had settled the question as to which among them was the better crew. It did seem at one time as though the wind might be too high for a contest over a long length to the good after one-sixth of the journey had been gone over, the Harvards barely leading the other two, who were abreast. Here, however, the breeze made a most decided effort to lay out a plan for a rail fence on the water, and in consequence lost way, and soon were the rearmost crew by nearly three-quarters of a length, Yale and pair in the middle and the wearers of the crimson and the brown had a fierce struggle for the lead, and if at that point either had any advantage over the other, it was so very slight as to be undiscernible to those on the crew-overlying steam-yachts. Cornell was third by but half a length, and she was lapped by Princeton. At the two-mile mark they occupied the same relative positions, the only difference being that Harvard showed just a shade in front of Brown; but immediately afterwards a breaking-up occurred, through one of the port oars in Yale's Island shell catching a crab, which stopped the headway of the boat and threw them a few feet clear in the rear of Princeton, who were third in the race, lapping Cornell, who in turn lapped Harvard. Yale was now a length behind, and began going now began to tell upon the Cambridge six, who wavered in their stroke; and when Cornell breasted them and challenged for the lead, they did it in place, there being no reserve power to render them entirely equal to the occasion, though they had still enough steam to prevent the Ithacans from getting more than a few inches ahead of it. After recovering from their unlucky accident, the Browns buckled to their work with added vim, and, going by Princeton, they reached after the leaders, upon whom they gained so rapidly that a quarter of a mile from home they were only a few feet behind Harvard and Cornell, who were now pulling about even up. Now ensued a desperate struggle for the honor of victory, all that was in the panting oarsmen being brought to the surface in the fight; but the New Yorkers proved that they possessed the lion's share of the much-needed article, shooting to the fore in the last eighth of a mile, and winning by a length; Harvard having a half length the best of Cornell, who had Princeton nearly an open length. Time—Cornell, 17:32¼; Harvard, 17:37¼; Brown, 17:39¾; Princeton, 17:49¾. The Harvards remained resting upon their oars until the day had returned to their shell after having suffered themselves to be dragged ashore and borne back and front of the grandstand upon the shoulders of college chums driven nigh frantic by the triumph of their colors, while the cry of crimson did the neat thing by heartily cheering their conquerors, who re-turned the compliment in like spirit, and then victors and vanquished pulled away together for their quarters.

The Scullers' Race.

Two miles, straightaway.

J. Keasedy, Yale.....1
W. F. Weld, Harvard.....2

They were sent off without either having the best of it but the Yale man once commenced to edge forward of his opponent, leading by a half length at the half-mile, though his strokes were two less to the minute than his antagonist's, who at once responded with a little further on by rougher water than he had been accustomed to row in. When half the distance had been pulled, Kennedy was a little over a length and a half ahead, with Weld bowing the bow of his craft against one or two flags, the gap was materially widened, and the Yalencian won easily by some ten lengths. Time, 14:21½; Weld, 14:30.

The University Race.

Six-oared shells, three miles, straightaway, for the champion flag; entrance $150.

Cornell, Ithaca, N. Y.—John S. Waterman (bow), '77, M. A.; Daniel O. Barto, '77, L.; Albert R. Gillis, '75, M. A.; James L. Garvin, '77, L.; Charles G. Kingsley (stroke and captain), '75, A. Average age, 22¾; height, 5.09¾; weight, about 159½lb. Cedar boat, by Waters & Son, 50x22. Colors, carnelian and white.....1
6. *Columbia*, N. Y.—Irving Sprague (bow), '76; Edward E. Sage, '77, S. M.; J. G. Murphy, '77, S. M.; G. M. Hammond, '77, S. M.; Chas. S. Boyd, '77, S. M.; James T. Goodwin (stroke and captain), '75, A. Average age, 21¾; height, 5.11; weight, about 157½lb. Cedar boat, by Thomas Fearon, 49.6x21. Colors, blue and white.....2
12. *Harvard*, Cambridge, Mass.—Francis R. Appleton (bow), '75; Montgomery James, '76, L. S. S.; Wm. R. Taylor, '77; D. C. Bacon, '76; C. W. Weimore, '75; W. T. Otis (stroke), '76, A. Average age, 20¾; height, 5.10¾; weight, about 167½. Cedar boat, by John Blakey, 50x20½. Colors, crimson.....3
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GOING OUT WITH THE TIDE.

Raise me up in my bed, wife;
There's the sound of the sea in my ear;
And it sings to my soul in a music
That earth is not blessed to hear.
Open the little window, wife,
Then come and sit by my side;
We'll wait God's sweet flood-water
To take me out with the tide.

I see the harbor bar, wife,
And my dear little boat in the bay;
But who shall be able to guide her
When her master hath passed away?
I know that her helm, so trusty,
Will answer no other hand
As it answered mine, when I knew, wife,
You were waiting for me on the strand.

Our boys are all before us, wife;
Wee Jack is beneath the wave,
And blue-eyed Freddie sleeps, wife,
In yonder pew-bowered grave,
Where the early daisies cluster
Around his baby bed;
And the thrush sits chanting softer
In yon tree that shades the dead.

There's a chill runs through our hearts, wife,
When the harbor-bar do h moan;
But a darker grief will be yours, wife,
When you're left in the cot alone;
But a few more flows of the sea, wife,
And a few more ebbs of the tide,
Then God's sweet flood shall bring you
Again to your old man's side!

The red sun is low in the west, wife,
And the tide sinks down with the sun;
We will part with each other in love, wife,
For sweetly our lives have run.
Give me your hand, my own love,
As you gave it in days of yore;
We will clasp them, ne'er to be sundered,
When we meet on the far-off shore!

BOATING CLUBS YEARS AGO.

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER,
BY A GOTHAMITE.

The recent death of Mr. Rollins, a gentleman who should be well remembered as a prosperous merchant, an enterprising shipowner, a gymnast, and one of the purest types of New York manhood, naturally suggests to our mind his undeniable influence upon aquatic pastimes, and particularly in the stimulation of boating clubs, more than thirty-five years ago. Although the names of Mr. Rollins and of his colleagues may not be familiar to a vast majority of our junior generation, they were in their time household words with the masses failing not to appreciate the energy of young men appertaining to the mercantile classes, and the good resulting from imitation of their example in devotion to healthful pastimes. They were among the pioneers introducing laudable and beneficial gymnastics, not only as a means for developing the health, strength, and muscle of those practicing them, but also for affording the general public enjoyment of an interesting and exhilarating amusement.

The boatmen of New York had ever enjoyed an enviable reputation for skill and dexterity, and in all public demonstrations they were wont to occupy a prominent position, one of their most famous wherries being mounted upon a truck and drawn through streets by a team of horses, while a chosen crew plied their oars as if in the act of cleaving the waters of our somewhat tempestuous bay, followed by the conspicuously attired in navy-blue, close-fitting nautical garments, marching proudly as a component element in our commercial organization. Possibly the spectacle of a rowboat mounted upon wheels traversing our Belgian-paved thoroughfare, might, at the present period, excite a smile of derision; but in all municipal pageants of the olden time everything connected with our marine prosperity was held in popular admiration, and, consequently, models of frigates, of packet-ships, of pilot-boats and of Whitehall wherries were triumphantly displayed in public processions as evidences of our advancement in works of nautical art, and of our maintenance of superiority upon the high seas. It must be remembered that, at the remote period of which we speak, the broad Atlantic had not been crossed by a steam-driven leviathan, and steam ferry-boats were of comparative novelty, as, with the exception of Brooklyn and the pleasure grounds at Hoboken, none of our suburbs were sufficiently populated to authorize the expense of regular communications. Transient passengers, compelled by business to visit other points, or desirous of a pleasure sail to more sparsely populated localities in the city's vicinity, were compelled to rely upon the services of sailboats or of wherries, while market sloops and fishing smacks afforded the sole means of conveyance to more distant regions.

As late as the year 1825, on the occasion of the grand canal celebration, Gov. De Witt Clinton proceeded in extraordinary nautical state to the Lower Bay, where, on the memorable 4th of November, standing upon the deck of a canal-boat, the pioneer packet, first drawn from Buffalo, the executive performed the solemn feat of marrying Lake Erie to the Atlantic through pouring the fresh water of the one upon the briny bosom of the other. But twenty-six steamboats, large and small, could be impressed into the municipal service, and two of them were condemned to drag in their wake additional vessels, chivalrously reserved for the occasion of the pageant. These supplementary conveyances were designated "safety barges," and, from being towed apart from the steamboat, were particularly patronized by nervous travelers laboring under an impression that Fulton's visible agent for peaceful propulsion was gifted with more destructive powers than could be attributed to his submerged double, unanimously declared to be able to sweep the navies of the earth from off the face of the waters.

The professional boatman was accepted as a commercial necessity, as much so as the time-honored public porter, who, with brazen insignia and sometimes what richesty hand-cart, propelled bundles, parcels and small trunks, waxed fat and kicked up his heels at the promised advent of expressmen, of carriers, of commissionaires. The watermen were consequently personages of considerable importance, and were cognizant of the dignity of their position, notwithstanding that the municipal State barge had passed out of existence, and the "silver oar" lingered, a symbol of disused authority, in the office of the Mayor, little conscious of the fact of his being "water bailiff" of this mighty corporation. They were proud of their distinctive appellations, the Whitehall boatmen regarding themselves as a lower order of aquatic aristocracy, so familiar had become their names as contestants in hard-fought battles; while those hailing from the Battery claimed peculiar credit through being at the service of the fair dames and amorous cavaliers who, towards the evening shades, courted upon the ripple of the bay, or sighed by the light of the moon, fully confident of the integrity and dexterity of the Manhattanese gondolier.

The general repute of the Whitehallers was mainly founded on the success of a crew, selected from among them, in a species of international match, wherein New Yorkers contended against well-trained antagonists belonging to a British frigate, who had previously defeated aspiring rivals in various foreign ports. Naturally, the discomfiture of the Britons was attributed to the superiority in construction of the American boat—a conclusion the victors satirically accepted, and, at a considerable expense, transmitted the winning craft to the Marquis de la Fayette as a memorial of the latest triumph over France's hereditary foes, and our national friend caused it to be preserved at his chateau of La Grange until it withered to decay through touch of time.

The slip designated as Whitehall, the present location of the Staten Island Ferry, was a point of great attractiveness to New York mercantile, as thence was established communication with outward and inward-bound packets, most generally carried on by means of stalwart watermen, whose trim-built wherries floated around the pier as graceful swans upon a placid lake. The craft, it is true, were generally of small dimensions, but were usually neat, elaborately painted, handsomely upholstered, and honored with characteristic appellations.

While the Bowling Green, State street, Broadway, and its vicinity comprehended the domain of fashion, and the Battery was frequented as the habitual promenade of belles and beaux, boating was a prevalent pastime described by those, with their pleasant localities and the encroachment of trading contrivances, the professional boatmen, losing their fashionable class of customers, perceptibly changed their manners and habits of life, converting themselves into gruff, unsocial toilers upon the inner sea, in place of assimilating to that "jolly young waterman" whose grace and gallantry have been so knowingly described in Dibdin's semi-immortal verses. The better among them, such as the ex-pugilists Abe Vandersee, Ned Sprague, and others of political inclinations, drifted into the revenue service, and for years served their country as bargemen, while their less fortunate companions converted themselves into public messengers upon the bay, and oftentimes into smugglers, if nothing of a worse degree in indecorum.

It was somewhere about thirty-five years ago that a few young men, mostly dwellers near the Battery, conceived an idea of organizing a club of amateur watermen, to encourage practice with the oar, and thereby supersede the gymnastic exercises recently introduced in America from England, which country had borrowed them from the German academic system of the famous Father Hahn. The New York Gymnasium, located in Ann street, had been instituted by William Fuller, originally a member of the English Prize ring, and defeated by the American, Molyneaux the Black, and was a most popular resort for gymnasts, mostly young men of wealth, who, strange as it may now appear, cultivated the manly art of self-defense in preference to indulgence in vaulting, or in exercises upon horizontal or parallel bars. Fuller, himself although a man who had accumulated wealth, gloried in his former profession, and garnished the walls of the gymnasium with a full-length painting of himself in full fighting costume, executed by Mr. Ingham of the National Academy, at the time regarded as the most fashionable and expensive artist in the city. Nay, Fuller went still farther in his contemplation of the memory of his pugilistic exploits through presentation to Pierce Egan, for publication in his "Boxiana," of an elaborately engraved reproduction of this portrait—decidedly the most artistic embellishment in that extensive work.

From among Fuller's gymnastic pupils came the members of the initial amateur boating club, and, as a majority of them dwelt below the Park, the location of their barge-house was upon the artificial island forming the site of Castle Garden, accessible to the Battery by means of a long wooden bridge. This barge-house was no fancifully decorated saloon, but simply a shed, projecting over the sea-wall of the fort, beneath which the boat was securely housed when not in use. Arrayed in a neat naval costume, the oarsmen of the "Columbia" assembled every fair afternoon, lowered their cumbersome barge, more resembling a whaleboat than a racing craft, placed in the cushioned stern-sheets a half dozen of the fairer sex, and with the stroke of as many muscular oarsmen stood away towards Governor's inviting shores, watched by the envious eyes of scores of dames assembled to enjoy a post-prandial promenade.

It was not surprising that, the example once set, and the favor of the female sex secured, a second, third and fourth pleasure barge were added to the amateur navy gathered beneath the castle's protective shadow; still, as emulation and competition formed the staple for aquatic enjoyments, few among the newly-enrolled recruits contented themselves with adherence to the pioneer organization, which rapidly dissolved into rival associations, burning to outvie each other in speed as well as in neatness of dress. At the end of the second season, so numerously had boating clubs augmented, that the Castle Garden islet could in no wise accommodate their increased proportions, particularly as most ungallantly tossing the fair sex overboard, the newer and more ambitious oarsmen trained themselves assiduously for racing struggles. Divested of their social character, and stimulated by the enterprise of our local boat-builders, yearning to produce superior racing craft, our amateur oarsmen devoted their energies to muscular superiority, and towards perfecting the rower's art. There existed but little difficulty in finding tolerably competent crews, inasmuch as at that period Broadway, from the gates of the Battery to Wall street, was absolutely lined with hotels, at which resided down-town merchants, who insisted upon the now disused custom of having their clerks sleep in their stores. As late as 1830 the First Ward was regarded by politicians as among the most important in the city, and from this population were recruited the active and energetic young men forming the bone and sinew of the rowing clubs. Moreover, the prominent merchants encouraged their clerks to indulge in aquatic exercises as an inexpensive luxury, conducive to health and morality, which could be enjoyed after business hours.

Frequent regattas became the order of the day, in the chief of which a crew of mercantile gentlemen, selected by Mr. Rollins, assumed a prominent position, and, within a short space of time, the general public became to regard the "Wave" as invincible, and the amateurs as the superiors of professional oarsmen. Rivals flocked to contest their laurels, and a veritable mania for rowing pervaded the community, spreading along the entire water-line of the metropolis. Although the amateur oarsmen, proud of their new-born dignity, hedged themselves behind a barrier of exclusiveness, their example had become contagious, and new clubs, drawn from every imaginable source, made mushroom like, appearances to claim honor in almost daily contests. Nearly every section of the town had its representative champion, its particular favorite; every trade possessed its aquatic organization, and every fire-engine company or social coterie its distinctive crew, maintained at a common expense. In this genneral rivalry for temporary distinction all pre-existing animosities were suppressed; grave men talked boating matters with the enthusiasm of youth; fair maidens wore the colors of winning crews; and daily thousands congregated upon the pier-heads to witness the arrival and departure of boats honored with their confidence. Nor were the recipients of this popular homage ungrateful for the favors conferred upon them, but strove to augment the general enthusiasm through ornamentation of their club-boats and adoption of attractive costumes, oftentimes based upon theatrical ideas. While some clubs contented themselves with plain, black-painted boats and simple navy shirts, others indulged in the variety of rainbow hues and in the glory of particolored Gurnsey shirts as variegated as the raiment of the biblical Joseph. For example, the "Halcyon," manned by undergraduates of Columbia, showed a jet-black hull, driven along the stream by oarsmen clad in white pants, blue "Guernsey" shirts, fancifully belted Clinton-market boys, rejoiced in a scarlet boat streaked with gold, its crew decorated with green-striped shirts and gold-tasseled caps; the "Alert," the cynosure of typographic eyes, skimmed the waters with its celestial blue skiff, fitted with indomitable compositors, sweating their lusty breasts beneath jackets trimmed with silvery braid, while the redoubtable "Red Rover," champion of dauntless 34 Engine, tempted fame and fortune in a boat and garb of a diabolically sanguinary hue.

The ordinary course for boating races, after the epidemic attained its fever-heat, was from the dock in process of construction, at Elysian Fields, broken up the Hudson's shore, overlooked by the heights of Weehawken, to a point some two miles distant, and a return to the starting-place. The selection of this particular water-course was as judicious as it was accessible, inasmuch as Hoboken, at that time, was a place of resort with all city lounger, rich or poor —a species of Greenwich, a suburban garden, with shaded walks, ample shrubbery, and a serpentine promenade washed by the river's gentle waves, extending in unbroken beauty from the ferry-house to the open plain known as the Elysian Fields. The most ostentatious mansions in the village proper were devoted to sales of beverages and refreshments; still, from Perry's to the ferry-gate, to Macomb's Dock on the Elysian lawn, the visitor was free from temptation to indulge in aught to imbibe, unless he excepted the Sibyl's Cave, at which spot indulgence was limited to strictly temperance drinks. Beyond the Fields, beneath the Hill of Weehawken, stretched a marsh, traversed by a country road, giving an uninterrupted view of the river's edge for miles, and affording ample space for accommodation of gazing multitudes.

The boating mania of this olden day raged with unexampled virulence for a couple of years, until enthusiasts grew weary of the monotony of defeats, and a once sympathizing community ceased to attend the interesting repetitions of skill, becoming over familiar to them. The principle upon which aquatic contests were conducted was an equitable one, through debarring practiced experts from competing against inferior crews. This handicapping as to skill was, moreover, calculated to stimulate individual exertions; still, as professional oarsmen appeared upon the scene, which it became impossible to prevent when gaming forced continuance of races —public interest in witnessing second and third rate contests diminished so emphatically that, one by one, even the most famous of the amateur crews disappeared from public view, the members transferring their enthusiasm to some more novel and popular form of pastime.

The passing excitement, however, was provocative of beneficial results, as it revived an almost dormant industry, and impelled ingenious artisans towards construction of an improved style of racing-boats. At each successive fair of the American public attention was fascinated and riveted upon specimens of the boat-builders' skill, and young men were tempted into outpouring their money liberally to obtain something superior to their ambitious rivals. Besides revolutionizing the form, shape and material of racing water-craft, the boating mania called into existence those creditable crews and individual oarsmen whose race, in the persons of the Ward Brothers, the Ten Eycks, and other skillful watermen, has succeeded in perpetuating a love for aquatic pastimes, through maintenance of our national reputation at the oar. Within the last two or three years amateur boating has received an impulse which should not be suffered to die out.

OLD LONDON FAIRS.

In 1697, William Philips, the zany or Jack Pudding mentioned by Grunger, was arrested and publicly whipped for perpetrating, in Bartholomew Fair, a jest on the repressive tendencies of the Government, which has been preserved by Prior in a poem. It seems that he made his appearance on the exterior platform of the show at which he was engaged, with a tongue in his left hand and a black pudding in his right. Professing to have learned an important secret, by which he hoped to profit, he communicated it to the mountebank, as related by Prior, as follows:

"Be cautious, master, in your mind, what you say;
Sleep very much, think little, and talk less;
Mind neither good nor bad, nor right nor wrong;
But eat your pudding, slave, and hold your tongue."

Mr. Morley conjectures that this Philips was the W. Philips who wrote the tragedy of "The Revengeful Queen," published in 1698, and who was supposed to be the author of another, "Alcamenes and Menelippa," and of a farce called "Britons, Strike Home," which was acted in a booth in Bartholomew Fair. But worth more than all these plays would now be, if it could be discovered, the book pub'shed in 1688, of which only the title-page is preserved in the Harleian collection, viz. "The Comical History of the Famous Merry Andrew, W. Phill., Giving an Account of his Pleasant Humours, Various Adventures, Cheats, Frolicks, and Cunning Designs, both in City and Country."

The circus was an entertainment as yet unknown. The only equestrian performances were of the kind given by Banks, and repeated, as we learn from Davenant and Pepys, by performers who came after him, of whom there was a regular succession down to the time of Philip Astley. The first entertainer who introduced horses into vaulting acts seems to have been William Stokes, a famous vaulter of the reigns of the latter Stuarts. He was the author of a manual of the art of vaulting, which was published in Oxford in 1652, and contains several engravings, showing him in the act of vaulting over a horse, over a garter suspended between two posts, and over a lighted candle, and in another upon the bare back of the horse, *a la* Bradbury.

Another of the great show-characters of this period was Joseph Clark the posturer, who, according to a notice of him in the Transactions of the Royal Philosophical Society, "had such an absolute command of his joints that he could dispose of almost all the most whole body." His performance seems to have consisted chiefly in the imitation of every kind of human deformity; and he is said to have imposed so completely upon Molins, a famous surgeon of that period, as to be dismissed by him as an incurable cripple. The portrait in Tempest's collection represents him in the act of shouldering his leg, an act which is imitated by a monkey.

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Pearce, s. s..	7	1	2	2	2	5	Start, 1st b..	7	1	2	17	1	2
Pike, c f.....	7	1	1	5	0	0	Hallinan, ss.	5	1	1	0	4	0
Chapman, r f	6	0	4	2	0	1	Hicks, c.....	6	1	0	6	2	3
Hague, 3d b.	7	0	1	2	3	0	Gerhardt, 2 b	6	0	2	6	6	2
Bradley, p...	6	1	3	0	2	0	Booth, r f....	6	2	2	1	0	0
Battin, 2d b..	6	1	1	4	2	0	Nelson, 3d b.	6	2	2	3	4	1
Dehlman, 1 b	6	1	1	3	17	0	0 Matthews, p.	6	0	1	1	1	1
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Hague, 3d b.	4	0	1	0	1	0	Pabor, l f...	4	1	2	2	0	0
Bradley, p...	4	0	1	0	3	0	Nichols, 3d b	4	0	1	1	0	3
Battin, 2d b.	4	0	1	1	0	1	Knowdell, c.	4	0	0	4	0	2
Dehman,1 b	3	0	0	8	0	0	Clinton, p..	3	0	0	1	6	1
Miller, c.....	3	0	0	6	0	3	McGee, c f..	3	0	0	3	0	1
Totals....	34	2	7	27	4	5	Totals	34	1	6	27	14	8
St. Louis..	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0—2
Atlantic....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—1

First base by errors—St. Louis, 3; Atlantic, 1. Runs earned—St. Louis, 0; Atlantic, 1. Umpire, Mr. McLean of Philadelphia. Time, 2h.

ST. LOUIS vs. MUTUAL.

Another large crowd of spectators gathered on the Union Grounds, Brooklyn, on July 15, in the expectation of seeing another closely contested game between the St. Louis and Mutual nines, on the occasion of their fifth meeting; but, owing to certain circumstances, referred to below, the crowd were disappointed, and instead of an exciting contest like that of Tuesday they witnessed a poorly played game for such nines, the St. Louis having an easy task to win.

We regret to notice that club managers hitherto have been remiss in their duty in not strictly carrying out their club rules against "indisposition" on the part of their players. No man can play ball after clouding his brain, unsteadying his nerves, and weakening his sight by the use of "unseemly beverages." But some players seem to have an idea that this can be done; and, thinking so, they indulge in their unhallowed freaks, and come on the field next day as coolly as if they had done nothing against the interests of the club they are paid to play their best for. There was a case in point in this game, as well as in the Atlantic match of the day before; for, after the game, Mr. Cammeyer stated to the reporters that, owing to a certain player being "indisposed," he had not put in an appearance, and consequently the Mutual force had been materially weakened, as one of their players—Booth—was ill of chills and fever, and the absence of the other obliged them to put in Holdsworth to short field, and Phelps at right, Barnie playing centre. This condition of things, of course, did not inspire the Mutuals with confidence in their ability to win—on the contrary, it had the opposite effect; and it was not long before it became apparent to all present that the St. Louis nine had the game in their own hands. Now, the question is, what is to be done to stop such practices on the part of professional players? We say that the interests of the club, and of the professional class generally, not to mention justice to the honest, sober players, demand that all such members be expelled at once. This fining men is not a sufficient penalty. Let them know that if they choose to violate rules they do it at the cost of their being expelled for the season from all profit by baseball playing. This is the only effectual remedy.

THE GAME.

Play was called at 4 P. M. by Mr. McLean, with the St. Louis for the fourth time in succession at the bat. Cuthbert led off with a hot one to Nelson, who threw it low to Start, and, as Joe muffed it, a life was given. After Pearce had tipped out, Pike put a ball to right-short, which Gerhardt was prevented from fielding through Cuthbert's obstruction—the ball striking Cuthbert's head—the batter being decided out, the decision creating a little talk for the time being. It was so palpable that Gerhardt would have put the batter out but for the ball being obstructed by Cuthbert, that the decision was regarded as a very equitable one. The new rule on this point fully sustained the decision.

The second inning did not yield a run on either side, though Hague made a base-hit, Pike marking his fielding with a pretty catch. The third inning was equally unproductive of runs, although Pearce earned a base by his hit. In the fourth inning Pike, after hitting several high fouls, got a fine liner safe to left field, on which he made his third base; and, as Nelson muffed the next ball from Chapman's bat, a life was given and a run scored. Though six men went to the bat, Pike's run was the only one obtained, and that was not earned, errors by Nelson and Holdsworth giving lives. On the Mutual side Holdsworth led off with an unearned base, given by Battin, who offset it with a beautiful play in putting out Start. Hicks, too, was handsomely put out by a stop made on a high jump by Dehlman, Hague throwing badly to him. By another error of Battin, Holdsworth's run was scored, Battin again coming up for his error by putting out Nelson. This left the score at 1 to 1 at the close of the fourth inning, with another close contest promised. Nothing was done in the way of run-getting on either side in the fifth inning, both nines giving easy chances for outs to the fielders. In the sixth inning Pike again distinguished himself by hitting to the outfield for two bases, and on a low throw by Hicks to Nelson was afforded a chance to score his run, which he did, Nelson failing to stop the ball. On the other side "Neely" Phelps—the Mutual heavy-weight substitute—opened play with a base-hit amidst loud applause. He could not get farther than first base, however as the next three men were easily put out. Battin tried a questionable "trick" to catch Phelps, which was hissed. Surely, there are plenty of legitimate points in the game without resorting to a small dodge, as this was. In the seventh inning the St. Louis men scored two runs through errors by Nelson, Start and Gerhardt, not a base-hit being scored. As the Mutuals failed to score even a base-hit, the close of the inning left the totals at 4 to 1 in favor of St. Louis, with another victory in store for them. In the eighth inning, though Hague and Bradley made base-hits in succession, no runs were scored, Gerhardney making a pretty fly-catch, and Gerhardt a good play. The Mutuals did not score either, Holdsworth being given out for obstructing Battin, it being the duty of base runners to get out of the way of a ball from the bat when it is going to a fielder. In the ninth inning three bad errors, two by Holdsworth and one by Nelson, filled all three bases with St. Louis batsmen, and by Pearce's safe hit a run was scored, Phelps' good throw to Hicks capturing Miller at home-base. The Mutuals did not increase their score, and so the game ended with the appended result:

St. Louis.	T.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	Mutual.	T.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Cuthbert, l f.	5	0	0	2	0	0	Holdsworth,r f	4	1	0	2	4	3
Pearce, s s..	5	0	1	0	1	2	Start, 1st b..	4	0	0	12	0	0
Pike, c f.....	5	2	1	0	0	0	Hicks, c.....	4	0	1	5	1	2
Chapman, r f	5	0	0	0	0	0	Gerhardt, 2 b	4	0	0	2	2	1
Hague, 3d b.	4	0	2	1	3	0	Nelson, 3d b	4	0	0	0	2	3
Bradley, p...	4	0	1	2	3	0	Matthews, p.	3	0	0	0	1	0
Battin, 2d b..	4	1	0	3	8	2	Gibney, l f...	3	0	0	1	0	0
Dehlman, 1 b	4	0	0	15	0	1	Battin, c f...	3	0	0	1	0	0
Miller, c.....	4	0	0	3	1	0	Phelps, r f...	3	0	1	1	0	0
Totals....	40	3	5	27	16	5	Totals....	32	1	2	27	13	9
St. Louis....	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1—3
Mutual	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—1

First base by errors—St. Louis, 3; Mutual, 3. Runs earned—St. Louis, 0; Mutual, 0. Umpire, Mr. McLean of Philadelphia. Time, 1h. 50m.

MOBILE vs. LEE.

On July 10, these clubs faced each other at Mobile, Ala., with the result as under:

Lee.	R.	Mobile.	R.
Bolding, c f.....	2	Wilson, 2d b.....	3
Jarvis, s s,.....	1	Ryan, p	1
Birch, c.....	2	Smith, 1 f.....	3
Schriener, 1 f...	2	Cullen, 3d b	3
Bunts, p.....	0	Dure, c.....	3
Smith, 3d b.....	0	Prench, r f.....	0
Rice, 1st b.....	0	Duffee, s s.....	2
Bruce, r s.....	0	Straup, r s.....	2
Black, r f.....	1	Kiefe, c f.....	1
Pomeroy ,3d b....	0	Russell, 1st b.....	1
Total.....	8	Total.....	19
Mobile.....	0	0	6	1	6	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	1—19
Lee.....	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0—8

Umpire, Jas. Mathews.

ATHLETIC OF MANSFIELD, O.—Since their organization this season the club above named have engaged in the games of which the innings scores are given underneath:

On June 19:

Washington..	3	7	4	4	0	2	1	0	0—	20
Athletic	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0—	4

On June 22:

New London..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—	0
Athletic	4	7	1	2	3	0	0	1	0—	18

On July 5:

New London..	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0—	4
Athletic	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	1	2—	8

On July 15:

Toledo	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0—	3
Athletic	1	0	0	1	4	7	4	1	1—	19

BOSTON vs. CHICAGO.

Though doing better work than their opponents both at the bat and in the field, the White Stocking nine were beaten by the Reds at Boston, Mass., on Wednesday, July 14. A change was on this occasion made by the Chicagos, Hastings taking Higham's post behind the bat, and Dick going to right, while Golden stepped into the shoes usually occupied by Zettlein, who laid off. This was not without a good effect, as the Bostons only succeeded in getting eleven base-hits—four less than on the 10th; while the Western men hit Spalding for sixteen single and nineteen total base-hits, Hines leading with five total bases—one three and one two-base hit. At the close of the seventh inning the score was a tie on 7, and in the next the Reds, after having put the other side out for nix, secured a single by O'Rourke and Spalding's base-hits, aided by errors on the part of Hastings. This won them the game, as each nine drew blanks in the ninth inning. A foul-bound and a foul-fly catch by White, and a splendid throw by Wright to McVey, were the chief features of the contest, the score of which we herewith present:

Boston.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	Chicago.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Wright, s s....	1	2	3	1	1	Higham, r f....	1	4	3	0	1
Barnes, 2d b...	0	1	2	3	0	Devlin, 1st b..	1	2	10	0	2
Leonard, l f...	0	1	2	0	0	Hines, c f.....	1	2	2	0	0
O'Rourke, c f..	1	1	2	0	2	Glenn, 1 f.....	1	2	2	0	0
McVey, 1st b...	1	1	9	0	0	Peters, s s.....	0	2	1	3	1
Spalding, p....	1	2	0	1	0	Hastings, c....	2	1	8	2	2
Schafer, 3d b..	1	1	1	0	1	Golden, p.....	2	1	0	2	0
Manning, r f...	1	1	0	0	0	Dick, r f.....	0	1	1	0	0
Totals.....	8	11	27	8	13	Totals.....	7	16	27	7	9
Boston.....	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0—8
Chicago.....	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0—7

Runs earned—Boston, 2; Chicago, 2. Total base-hits—Boston, 11; Chicago, 19. Two-base hits—Hines, 1. Three-base hits—Hines, 1. First base on errors—Boston, 3; Chicago, 2. First base on called balls—Boston, 1. Wild pitches—Golden, 2; Spalding, 1. Passed balls—White, 5; Hastings, 3. Umpire, N. E. Young. Time, 2h.

HARTFORD vs. PHILADELPHIA.

The boys from the City of Quakers fared badly at Hartford, Ct., on the 14th inst., when the professionals of that lively New England city dosed them with a succession of goose-eggs not at all palatable. Those who especially distinguished themselves by fine play were Cary, Harbridge and Mills of the Hartfords, and Fulmer and Murnan of the visiting nine, while Ferguson was conspicuous by reason of most execrable work in the field. In the fifth inning McGeary had a finger severely injured in endeavoring to check the passage of a ball hot from the bat, and was compelled to step down and out, Allison and Schafer successively filling his position thereafter.

Hartford.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	Philadelphia.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
D. Allison, c..	2	3	3	2		Murnan, c f....	0	1	0	6	2
Harbridge, 2d b...	2	1	3	6	1	McGeary, 3d b...	0	1	3	0	
Cary, s s.....	1	2	2	5	0	Addy, r f.....	0	1	2	0	
A. Allison, r f....	0	1	0	0	0	Meyerle, 2d b.....	0	1	2	3	
York, l f.....	0	1	0	1		Fisler, p.....	0	2	1	1	
Ferguson, 3d b...	0	0	2	1		Malone, 1st b.....	0	0	10	0	
Remsen, c f.....	2	1	3	0		Fulmer, s s.....	0	2	1	6	
Mills, 1st b.....	1	2	13	1		Snyder, c.....	0	0	1	0	
Bond, p.....	2	1	1	5		Parks, l f.....	0	0	2	0	
Totals.....	8	14	27	17		Totals.....	0	5	27	16	
Hartford.....	0	0	3	1	1	0	1	2	0	2	0—8
Philadelphia....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—0

Earned runs—Hartford, 5. Bases on errors—Hartford, 3; Philadelphia, 5. Fielding errors—Hartford, 7; Philadelphia, 8. Umpire, Charles Daniels. Time, 2h.

ATHLETIC vs. DOERR.

Athletics Defeated by Amateurs.

The Athletics on the 12th inst. played one of the amateur nines of Philadelphia—the J. B. Doerrs—and, underrating their opponents, had to submit to a defeat. Force, Fisler, Clapp, Hall and McBride failed to put in an appearance on this occasion, and the four substitutes' services were therefore called into requisition, Howell, an amateur, playing at right field. Errors by Sutton, Bechtel and Anson gave the Doerrs their first two runs, and four safe hits to the short outfield in the eighth inning gave them four more runs, one being earned. The good batting of Richmond and Bechtel gave the Athletics their first run, errors by "Josephs" and Richie giving them three more runs. Richmond excelled in fielding and batting for the Athletics, Dorsey's catching being the feature of the fine fielding of the Doerrs.

Athletic.	T.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	J. B. Doerr.	T.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Cleaver, 2d b..	5	0	1	1	1	1	H. Riffert, s s	5	0	0	0	1	0
Recap, s s.....	4	0	0	0	4	1	Dorsey, c.....	5	0	0	11	1	1
Sutton, 3d b..	4	1	2	1	4	1	Warr, r f.....	5	1	1	2	0	0
Anson, 1st b..	4	0	0	11	0	1	Richie, 3d b..	4	1	1	1	1	1
Richmond, c..	4	1	2	11	3	0	Welds, 1st b..	4	0	1	9	0	0
Bechtel, p.....	4	1	1	2	3	1	Talmage, l f..	4	0	1	0	0	0
Howell, r f....	4	0	1	0	0	0	C. Riffert, c f.	4	1	2	0	0	1
Bagley, l f....	3	0	0	0	0	0	Capehart, 2 b..	4	1	2	5	0	0
Gilroy, c f....	3	0	0	1	0	1	"Josephs," p..	4	1	0	2	2	3
Totals.....	34	4	6	27	10	12	Totals.....	39	6	7	27	7	6
Athletic	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0—	4			
Doerr.....	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	0—	6			

Runs earned—Doerr, 1. First base on fielding errors—Athletic, 2; Doerr, 5. Umpire, Charles Fulmer of the Philadelphia Club. Time, 1h. 45m.

OLYMPIC vs. PAVONIA.

After resting since July 5, and, to some extent reorganizing, the Olympics of Paterson, N. J., met the Pavonias of Jersey City July 13, and took them into camp by a score of 11 to 6. A rainstorm came on during the third inning, and delayed the game about thirty minutes, play being resumed immediately after the rain ceased. The ground was a little wet, and the ball slippery, which may account in some degree for the number of errors. The score:

Olympic.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	Pavonia.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Foran, l f.....	1	2	1	1	1	Worden, c f....	0	0	0	0	2
Jas. Mullen, s s	3	2	0	1	0	Meehan, c.....	0	2	3	0	7
St. Lawrence,3b	1	1	4	0	2	Hopper, r.....	1	0	2	0	0
Titus, 2d b.....	2	1	4	2	0	Slorey, 2d b....	1	1	5	3	1
Wiggins, c f....	0	1	3	0	1	Carroll, s s.....	3	1	0	5	1
Nolan, p.....	1	1	2	4	1	Slade, 1st b.....	0	1	16	0	2
Lillis, r f.....	1	1	0	0	2	Sheehan, p.....	1	0	0	5	0
Jno. Mullen, 1 b	1	1	10	1	1	Boice, 3d b.....	0	0	0	1	2
Casey, c.....	1	1	3	1	4	Sinclair, l f....	0	1	1	0	0
Totals.....	11	11	27	12	13	Totals.....	6	6	27	14	15
Olympic.....	6	1	0	1	0	3	0	1	1	1—	11
Pavonia.....	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0—	6

First base by errors—Olympic, 6; Pavonia, 8. Double-play—Titus and John Mullen. Runs earned—Olympic, 4. Umpire, Mr. Quinn, Fiyaway. Time, 1h. 40m.

LIVE OAK vs. CHELSEA.

A game for the amateur championship of Massachusetts was played on the Lynn Grounds July 12, by the Live Oaks of that place and the Chelsea Club of Chelsea. Result:

Chelsea.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	Live Oak.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Piggott, 3d b...	0	0	4	1	1	Hawkes, s s....	0	0	5	2	0
Davis, c f.....	0	1	1	0	0	Whitney, 2d b..	0	0	4	3	1
Murrie, s s.....	0	1	2	7	2	Madden, 3d b...	0	1	2	1	2
Foye, 1 f.....	0	1	1	0	0	McGlynn, c....	1	2	12	2	1
Libby, 1st b....	0	0	11	1	1	King, 1st b.....	1	2	4	0	1
Southwick, 2d b	0	0	3	1	1	Nevin, r f.....	1	1	1	0	0
Welsh, r f.....	0	1	0	2	1	S. Record, l f...	1	1	4	0	0
Oxley, c.....	0	0	3	0	6	White, p.....	0	0	0	0	1
Egan, p.....	0	0	2	2	3	W. Record, c f.	0	1	1	0	0
Totals.....	0	4	27	14	15	Totals.....	5	10	27	5	6
Chelsea.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0— 0
Live Oak.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0— 5

CHICAGO vs. LIVE OAK.

The professional White Stockings of Chicago, Ill., met the Live Oaks at Lynn, Mass., July 10, and beat them by five runs, though having been eight times whitewashed, as were the amateurs also.

Live Oak.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	Chicago.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Hawkes, s s....	0	0	1	4	2	Higham, l f....	1	1	1	0	0
Whitney, 2d b..	0	0	4	3	1	Devlin, 1st b..	1	0	8	0	0
Madden, 3d b...	0	1	3	4	1	Hines, c f.....	0	1	1	0	0
McGlynn, c	0	0	7	1	3	Bielaski, r f...	0	1	1	0	0
King, 1st b.....	0	0	7	1	0	Peters, s s.....	1	2	2	4	0
Nevin, r f.....	0	0	0	0	0	Hastings, c....	1	2	5	0	1
S. Record, l f..	0	0	2	0	0	Golden, p.....	0	1	3	6	0
White, p.....	0	0	0	0	0	Warren, 3d b...	1	1	3	4	2
W. Record, c f..	1	1	1	0	1	Miller, 2d b....	1	1	5	1	1
Totals.....	1	3	27	10	9	Totals.....	6	10	27	11	4
Live Oak.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0—1
Chicago	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0—6

Umpire, Fred Cone. Time, 1h. 40m.

CREGER vs. GLOUCESTER.

The Cregers of Camden, N. J., and Gloucester City of Gloucester met at Atlantic City July 9, and there played their third game. It proved to be one of the finest amateur games of this season. The fielding of both clubs was splendid.

Creger.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	Gloucester.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Burt, 1 f.....	0	1	2	1	0	Farquar, 2d b..	1	1	4	1	1
Cavanagh, s s..	0	0	0	1	0	Harrington, 3 b	1	0	3	1	0
Alcott, p.....	0	1	0	1	0	Wolf, c.....	0	0	5	2	0
Snyder, 1st b..	1	1	6	0	1	Higham, l f....	0	1	2	0	0
Farrington, 3 b	0	0	5	2	0	Daisy, c f.....	0	1	3	0	1
Wilkinson, c f.	1	1	3	0	0	Dunlap, s s....	0	1	0	4	0
Coons, c.....	1	0	7	0	0	Richardson, 1 b	0	0	12	0	0
Davis 2d b.....	0	1	0	2	1	Fowler, r f.....	0	0	0	0	0
Carroll, r f....	0	0	2	0	0	Mills, p.....	0	1	0	4	0
Totals.....	3	5	27	7	2	Totals.....	2	5	27	12	3
Creger.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0—3
Gloucester.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—2

BOSTON vs. CHICAGO.

The full score of the fourth game between these clubs—reported by innings in our previous issue—is herewith presented:

Boston.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	Chicago.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Wright, s s.....	2	3	2	4	1	Higham, c.....	1	2	2	1	4
Barnes, 2d b...	2	2	3	2	1	Devlin, 1st b..	0	0	12	0	0
Leonard, l f....	2	4	3	0	1	Hines, c f.....	0	1	2	0	0
O'Rourke, c f..	1	1	1	0	0	Glenn, l f.....	0	0	3	0	0
McVey, 1st b...	1	1	8	0	0	Peters, s s.....	0	0	3	4	0
Spalding, p....	0	0	1	2	0	Hastings, r....	0	0	2	1	2
White, c.....	2	2	8	0	4	Zettlein, p.....	0	0	0	4	0
Schafer, 3d b..	2	1	1	0	1	Warren, 3d b....	0	0	3	0	0
Manning, r f...	1	1	1	0	0	Miller, 2d b.....	0	0	2	6	1
Totals.....	14	15	27	8	9	Totals.....	1	3	27	15	13
Boston.....	2	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	3	0—14
Chicago.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—1

Runs earned—Boston, 2; Chicago, 0. First base on errors—Boston, 4; Chicago, 4. Umpire, N. E. Young of Washington.

MYSTIC vs. NODDLE.

The junior championship of Massachusetts was contended for by these clubs at East Boston, on the Noddles' new ground, July 12. Both clubs did equally good batting, but the superior fielding of the Mystics secured them the victory.

Mystic.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	Noddle.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Munroe, c f....	2	2	3	0	0	Davis, p.....	1	1	3	1	2
Tierney, s s....	0	1	1	3	1	Crane, c.....	0	0	4	2	3
Cronin, 2d b....	0	0	4	3	1	Sewell, 1st b...	0	0	9	0	0
Conway, 3d b...	1	1	3	3	1	Murphy, 3d b...	0	1	2	2	2
Walters, p..

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Letters received for week ending 5 P. M., MONDAY, July 19,

LADIES' LIST.

Arnett, Annie (vocalist)	Fisher, Zoe (trapeze "biz")	McEvoy, Miss G. A
Allen, Minnie	Francis, Leonia (variety "biz")	Mestayer, Mrs. Em
Angeia, Clara	Forrester, Mrs. N. C. (2)	Marky, Lizzie
Bourer, Sadie	Fiat, May	McDonald, Lillie
Bridges, Wenona	Forrester, Nellie (2)	Mortimer, La-lu
Bessie, Fannie (2)	Fox, Mrs. (mother of "Baby Justine")	Nelson, Nellie
Bertheat, Mrs. Jane	Francis, La-lu	Orrin, Mrs. Lucy
Bailey, Ella	Gray, Maggie	Oliver, Mrs. Eliza
Bernard, Mrs. Mollie	Geary, Miss (with McGill & Str.)	Pauline, La Belle
Bertie, Millie	Glover, Phillis	Peak, Fannie
Baker, Mrs. S. A.	Gayton, Mrs.	Quinton, Kate
Berrell, Mrs. Mary A.	Hunt, Fannie	Ramage, Elizabeth
Byron, Lizzie	Hight, Josie C.	Robert, Miss M. (of "Zig Zag" Co.)
Blaisdell, Mrs. Julia	Howard, Pauline	Rood, Nellie
Carroll, Mrs. Rich'd	Hubsch, Mrs. Johanna	Richards, Mrs. Mamie
Castello, Mrs. Eva (gymnast)	Hindle, Annie	Ray, Mrs. Maggie
Cartysle, Lizzie	Hastings Sisters	Richmond, (actress)
Cleveland, Nellie	Hastings, Kate	Schott, Angelique
Clifton, Millie	Hayes, Nellie	Sulter, Ollie
Clifton, Minnie	Hariand, Miss 10c.	Stemple, Lizzie (2)
Carlton, Irene	Herbert, Carrie	Shields, Tillie
Cole, Mrs. Lena W.	Hunt, Susie E.	Starr, Susie
Chandos, Joy 25c.	Harrison Sisters (song-and-dance)	Swinburne, Marie (2)
Crabtree, "Lotta"	Hart, May	Somers, Alice (2)
Cooke, Mrs. Woods	Forrester, Nellie (2)	St. Felix, Leonora
Conway, Mrs. Hart	Fox, Mrs. (mother of "Baby Justine")	Sandford, Imogene
Celeste, Rose	Francis, La-lu	Sanford, Lou
Celeste, Sadie	Gray, Maggie	Taylor, Marion
Cope, Annette (2)	Gearey, Miss (with McGill & Str.)	Violetta & Holland Bros., Mlle.
De Lotta (actress)	Glover, Phillis	Varetta, Mad. Lula
De Wells, Kittie	Gayton, Mrs.	Watson, Kittie (jig-dancer)
Dean, Amelia	Hunt, Fannie	Woods, Carrie (2)&c.
De Forest, Jennie (2)	Hight, Josie C.	Warner, Florie
Devere, Ida (late of Daniels' Comb.)	Howard, Pauline	Washburn, Mrs. Emma
Delmay, Lucia	Hubsch, Mrs. Johanna	Worrell, Christie
Deardon, Fannie	Laverde, Family	West, Millie (vocalist)
Denin, Susie	Leola, Olive "Lotta" (2)	Wellesley, Marie
Egbert, Nannie	La Verde, Mad.	Warner, Florence
Elbert, Kittie B. (2)	Lee, Rosa (2)	Wilson, Eliza
Ellis, Lizzie (2)	Linden, Lillie	Whitland, Kittie
Fontainbleau, Blanche	La Point, Lizzie	Zitella, Mlle.
Florence, Eleiene	Lenton, Mrs. Herbert	McDonald, Nellie
Florence, Ida (2)		Zoerner, Anna (2)

GENTLEMEN'S LIST.

Arnold, W. N.	Hamilton, Theo.	(Owens, F. (of Mason & Morgan Co.)
Allen, Frank	Harris, D.	Parsons, Marcus
Arizona, Chas. (2)	Hask & Rankin	Perry, Capt. C. M.
Anderson, J. H. (musician)	Hedges, Thos.	Pierce, L. M.
Archer, Charles (pianist)	Hodges, D. B. (with Tony Pastor)	Padget, J. C.
Austin, Charles A.	Harisman, Mr. (of Barnum's Cir.)	Page, Frank A.
Emma	Henri Family, The	Pastor, Tony
"A. G. F."	Hurley, W. C.	Prescott, D. K.
Arnold, Frank	Hess, C.	Peyson, "Dave"
Blanchard, Harry (2)	Hawkins, W. S.	Putnam, Mr. (manager)
Boyd, Charles	Howe, Den	Prescott, Coleman
Bryan, Frank A. L.	Horrell, C. (of Mason & Morgan Co.)	Prentice, Charlie F.
Bray, Walter	Henry, W. (of Jennie Carroll Co.)	Parento, Hy.
Berl, F. W.	Hall & Carroll	Pedanto, Mr.
Brady, Sam'l W.	Hind, T.	Primrose, G. H.
Berrell, Geo. E.	Hall, Frank A.	Phillips, G. ("Ooffy Goof")
Boyd, Chas. (song-and-dance)	Hawkins, D. R.	Peasley, Jno.
Braham, H. (musical sketches)	Hamilton, Wiley (2)	Palmer, of Ill late
Bowers, Wm. (musician)	Hengler, T. M.	Quinn, Barney
Butler, C. W.	Heywood, Jas.	Riddell, Geo. W.
Bush, T. (2)	Hawley, David R.	Rogers, Loraine
Bidwell, D. (Acad. of M., N. Orleans)	Hague, Jr., Sam	Robson Family, The
Beverly, C. Stuart	Hussey, Leoni	Reynard, Mr. (musician)
Berry, Cash	Hall, Jno.	Roburne, H. J.
Berry Bros. (John Bowman, Jr., "biz")	Herbert, Horace	Rooney, J. (of Little Nell Co.)
Basye, E. E.	Heywood Brothers Comb.	Rickaby, Jno.
Blossom, Jerry	Hennessey, W. J.	Robinson, Jas. (circus prop.)
Bohlman, Prof. T.	Holland, Wm. M. (2)	Robinson, Edward ("bones")
Burke, J. M. (with "Buffalo Bill")	Haverly, J. H.	Reed, Chas. (with "Jake" Reed)
Burns, J. Bruno (2)	Hawley & Hirsch, Nanno	Riddell, Weldon
Beecher, R. R.	Johnson, J. M. (of John A. Bruno)	Rothwell, Thos. G.
Blitz, Jerome	Jackley, Nathan H.	Ross, Willis
Bert, Fred (manager)	Jackson, T. (of Barnum's Hippo.)	Robbins, Frank (circus "biz")
Barrell, Geo.	Japanese Tommy	Richardson, Sage
Bowman, D. A.	Keliey, E. (chandilier "biz")	Rosati, L.
Braham, A. (keyed)	Keeler, Frank	Roberts, N. D. (2)
Braham, Harry	Karyel, Wm.	Riano, Jos.
Cawthorne Children	Kehoe, Sim D.	Raymond, Jno T.
Casey, Frank (minstrel "biz")	King, W. S.	Rutledge, J. P.
Case, W. (of Katie Putnam Co.)	Kirby, Wm. (late of Ottawa)	Randolph, A. (of Howe's Cir.)
Copaugh, G. (of Bailey's Cir.)	Leroy & Mlle. Emma	Russell, Sol S.
Case, J. (of Howe's Cir.)	Lovelle, Chas.	Reynolds, J. J. (of Adams & Reyn.)
Cassilett, Ferdinando 22c.	Levit, H.	"Showman's Guide," The
Carr, Daniel	Lester, Jas.	Seals, L. C. (circus "biz")
Chales, C. (music. special.)	Lasleschi, L.	Stowe, Will
Casey, Master	Lynch, Edward	Sears, Cyril
Coleman, D. W. (2)	Lyle, W. E. (2)	Snell, Jno. (of Robbin's Cir. (2)
Cushman, Frank	Luca, A.	Shay, Chas.
Curtis, Frank J.	McKay, Dr. W. C. (2)	Shirey, Baron
Curry, The Great	Mack, Jno. (song-and-dance)	Stiles, J. (with Heywood Bros.)
Colson, N. F.	Morris, Frank (musician)	Sweney, Jos. B. ("fakir")
Cohen, J. S.	Mack, John (of Bailey's Cir.)	Sanford, Joe
Clark Bros. (song & dance)	Morgan, Ed (of Gt. East. Cir.)	Sells Bros. Circus
Campbell, Ned (minst. "biz")	Marrion, C. or S.	Sweet, J. D.
Crusoe, Chas. A. (2)	Matlock, J. (of Georgia Minst.) (2)	Spaulding & Pope
Gray, C. (circus "biz")	Mack, Wm. (of Wood & Lang)	Smith, D. C. (with Peak Family) (2)
Cole, Geo. E.	Mack, Wm. (of Barnum's W. Fair)	Sharp, Billy (late of Daniels' Orchestra)
Cowley, Wm. "Buffalo Bill")	Mack, Geo. (of "Black Crook" Co. & Cir.)	Stanley, Geo. L.
Carner, J. W. (2)	Muriz, J. (gymnast)	Stewart, Jno.
Clark, H. (of Howe & Cir.)	Maeder, Fred G.	Showers, Andy
Cawthorne, Mr.	Murphy, Jas. ("nobleness")	Sebastian, Sig.
Cohan, "Jerry"	McGann, W. (with Mirr. of Ire.)	Sanyea, Saml.
Collyer, Sam	McIntyre, John	Shirley, Ernest
Coburn, F. F.	McAndliss, R. (circus "biz")	Smith, "Dunk" (with Dup. & Ben.)
Costello, Geo.	Nurry and Alice Ross, Ed	Thompson, Jas.
De Mork, M. (musician)	Manley, C. (characteractor)	Terry, Rich'd (of Europ. Cir.)
Delaney, Wm. (musician)	Marsh & Carroll	Turner, H. E.
Dacre, C. (of Barnum's Cir.)	Mack, G. (of Barnum's W. Fair)	Turner, Ed. Jim
De Forest, G. (of Sherwood & Com.)	Mack, Robt.	(of Salford, Eng.
Douglas, J. S.	Miller, Wm. S.	Tyler, J. (of Ac. 10c.
Dutton, H. (of Fur-lish & Co.)	Mack, John	Taylerce, C. W.
Danforth, John	McGowan, Robt.	Thielman, Chas.
Devere, G. (of Redmond & Devere)	Mack, Sam'l.	Tilton, C. H.
Duffy, R. S. (musician)	Mack, John	Turner, John
Devere, Chas. N. (2)	Maas, C. E.	Thompson, Wm. J.
Davis, "Dave"	Mahoney, Jas. S.	Ufner, Frank
Drew, Jno.	Mulvaney, J. A.	Von Brun, Hugo
Dixon, Andrew	McCloud, R. D.	Varney, Thad. S.
Dumont, Frank	Mayers, W. (animal tamer)	Van Wormer, Geo. H.
Durand, R. (banjoist)	Mesaroo, Theodore (gymnast)	Washburn, E. S. (6)
De Haven, Claude	Martin, T.	Wilson, Geo. (2)
Dutton, W.	Marrow, Herbert	Watson, J. (of Nottingham, Eng.)
Dacre, Chas.	Morris, J. (mystic changes)	Wells, W.
Dickeson, Jr., Mr.	Marsh, Max	Worley, Chas. E.
Davis, D. (of Ayer & Co.)	Middleton, G. (of Internat. Cir.)	Weaver, Jno.
Dobson, Chas. E.	Hawley, David R.	White, J. W.
Emerson, William (minstrel)	Hague, Jr., Sam	Wilson, Geo.
Ellis, J.	Hussey, Leoni	White, Geo. (minst. "biz")
Emmett, Enos	Montague, Harry (2)	Warner, Jno. E. (actor)
Edwards, Frank	Melrose, Frank	Wagene, Wm.
Edwards, T. (glass-blower)	Mirrielees, J. (of Howe's Cir.)	Whitin, Mr.
Evans, Major	McDonald, James	Welsh, Denis
Emerson & Clarke	Moreland, Harry	Wilson, Fred (minstrel "biz")
Ehrenberg, H. (with Van Amburgh)	Makay, F. F.	Wallace, Mr. (of B. De Bar Co.)
Eberly, Jno.	Nicholls, Hamilton	Walton & Anderson's Show
Fechter, Chas.	Norton, S.	Warde, Steele
Frost, J. C.	O'Brien, Mchee	Swinburne, Marie
Fowler, W. W.	Melvill, Jas. (equestrian)	Somers, Alice (2)
Fashburn, Geo.	Keeler, Frank	St. Felix, Leonora
Francis, Prof.	Karyel, Wm.	Sandford, Imogene
Ferst, L. (of Murphy & Co.)	Kehoe, Sim D.	Sanford, Lou
France, Sid C.	King, W. S.	Taylor, Marion
Fowler, C. Lee	Kirby, Wm. (late of Ottawa)	Violetta & Holland Bros., Mlle.
Fortesque, Geo. K.	Leroy & Mlle. Emma	Varetta, Mad. Lula
Fowler, Fred (musician)	Lovelle, Chas.	Watson, Kittie (jig-dancer)
Forester, Harry	Levit, H.	Woods, Carrie (2)&c.
Forest, Chas. B.	Lester, Jas.	Warner, Florie
Forrester, N. C.	Lasleschi, L.	Washburn, Mrs. Emma
Fitzgerald, R. (of Orient Cir.)	Lynch, Edward	Worrell, Christie
Gardner, Jno.	Lyle, W. E. (2)	West, Millie (vocalist)
Gannon, Rich'd (2)	Luca, A.	Wellesley, Marie
Goss, Ned	Lenton, Herbert	Warner, Florence
Green, A. (magician)	Lowande, Martinho	Wilson, Eliza
Green, Dan (sideshow "biz")	Leon, Dan (gymnast)	Whitland, Kittie
Goodwin, Chas. M.	Leavitt, M. B.	Zitella, Mlle.
Graham, J. H.	Lucas, Sam	McDonald, Nellie
Gilmore & Smith	Lang, Jno.	Zoerner, Anna (2)
Head, Harry C. (2)	Lenton, H.	
Hebelman, Chas.	Lang, Ed. (of Wood & Lang)	
Henderson, Jas. B.	Lowande, Abellardo	
Hudson, F. O.	Lowanda, J. (gymnastic "biz")	
Huston, Edward (2)	Laverde, Family	
Hortese, F.	Leola, Olive "Lotta" (2)	
Heywood, W. (of Heywood Bros.)	La Verde, Mad.	
Hamilton, Theo.	Lee, Rosa (2)	
Harris, D.	Linden, Lillie	
Hask & Rankin	La Point, Lizzie	
Hedges, Thos.	Lenton, Mrs. Herbert	
Hodges, D. B. (with Tony Pastor)	Marky, Lizzie	
Harisman, Mr. (of Barnum's Cir.)	McDonald, Lillie	
Henri Family, The	Mortimer, La-lu	
Hurley, W. C.	Nelson, Nellie	
Hess, C.	Orrin, Mrs. Lucy	
Hawkins, W. S.	Oliver, Mrs. Eliza	
Howe, Den	Pauline, La Belle	
Horrell, C. (of Mason & Morgan Co.)	Peak, Fannie	
Henry, W. (of Jennie Carroll Co.)	Quinton, Kate	
Hind, T.	Ramage, Elizabeth	
Hall, Frank A.	Robert, Miss M. (of "Zig Zag" Co.)	
Hawkins, D. R.	Rood, Nellie	
Hamilton, Wiley (2)	Richards, Mrs. Mamie	
Hengler, T. M.	Ray, Mrs. Maggie	
Heywood, Jas.	Richmond, (actress)	
Hyan Warmer, Geo. H.	Schott, Angelique	
Washburn, E. S. (6)	Sulter, Ollie	
Wilson, Geo. (2)	Stemple, Lizzie (2)	
Watson, J. (of Nottingham, Eng.)	Shields, Tillie	
Wells, W.	Starr, Susie	
Worley, Chas. E.	Swinburne, Marie (2)	
Weaver, Jno.	Somers, Alice (2)	
White, J. W.	St. Felix, Leonora	
Wilson, Geo. E.	Sandford, Imogene	
White, Geo. (minst. "biz")	Sanford, Lou	
Warner, Jno. E. (actor)	Taylor, Marion	
Wagene, Wm.	Violetta & Holland Bros., Mlle.	
Whitin, Mr.	Varetta, Mad. Lula	
Welsh, Denis	Watson, Kittie (jig-dancer)	
Wilson, Fred (minstrel "biz")	Woods, Carrie (2)&c.	
Wallace, Mr. (of B. De Bar Co.)	Warner, Florie	
Walton & Anderson's Show	Washburn, Mrs. Emma	
Warde, Steele	Worrell, Christie	
Swinburne, Marie (2)	West, Millie (vocalist)	
Somers, Alice (2)	Wellesley, Marie	
St. Felix, Leonora	Warner, Florence	
Sandford, Imogene	Wilson, Eliza	
Sanford, Lou	Whitland, Kittie	
Taylor, Marion	Zitella, Mlle.	
Violetta & Holland Bros., Mlle.	McDonald, Nellie	
Varetta, Mad. Lula	Zoerner, Anna (2)	
Watson, Kittie (jig-dancer)		

And, hot as it is now, everywhere, visitors are pouring into the metropolis as if it was an ice-house, and a place where people live forever. Look around you—sherry-cobblers before you; claret-punch beside you; beer, beer everywhere, with its beautiful white and unadulterated froth making a total eclipse of the amber-colored liquid that fails to raise its humble head above the bottom of the glass! And ice-cream! Bah! It may be had at every corner, and on every block, for a mere song, and no cutting down the portion because "the train isn't in yet." That's the excuse for every deficiency at fashionable watering-places. Fact! And look at our rivers and oceans, and parks and drives! What! In the words of one who should have died hereafter:

"Home, home, sweet, sweet home;
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home!"

.....Want to tell you something—those circuses that "went up" before June, declare that it was on account of their horses having the *Spring*-halt!..... A couple of weeks ago we said some pleasant, though deserved, things about May the Fay, the little girl that has come forward so prominently as one of the attractions of the Templeton Troupe. Well, May the Fay hits back, and these are the words she says unto us:

PAY TO THE EDITOR.
Frank Bellew, Editor, bought, un-"seen,"
No fat ad. makes your tribute lean
To players in the room of green,
Therefore, the truth, not gush, nor spleen.

But since some compliments you pay—
And tell me, in your joking way:
"O, Fay, you really are *as fair!*"
I take it as a kind of a
Conclusion that you do owe Fay!
To "do as I'd have others dne
To yuse"—a phrase for Erin new—
This note and compliments to you,
The captain and Tex CLIPPER's crew,
Part paying all that I O U.

.....As an encourager of art and natural science, Baltimore is, to use an unrhetorical figure of speech, "going back on to herself." How so? Well, a few days ago a travelling combination, comprising a manager of the show, a conductor of the organ, a monkey, and a dog, were giving free exhibitions in one of the streets of that uncomfortable city, when, just at the moment of deepest interest, as it were, and at the "donumong" of the thrilling performance, a fiendish officer of the law did come down upon the full strength of the company, and, with malice aforethought, did there and then make captive the combination. How *could* he do it? Why, it seems that the star of the concern is the monkey, who, in the course of his varied performances, fires a gun previously prepared for the occasion. There is a law against such indiscriminate use of firearms; but the monkey, being ignorant of such a law, blazed away to the astonishment of Baltimore and her legally-constituted protectors. The monkey was fined two dollars, and, this sum being paid, the concern was released from the clutches of the law. This, then, is the Baltimore whose fathers "fit into the revolution," and whose streets, during the pluggity riots, ran rivulets of blood. [We *intended* to say *rivers* of blood, but that would have been *too* steep. —ED.] Where does she stand now? Lost to art, she arrests a doubtful monkey for firing off a toy gun! Pity for her!.....Though cautioned against visiting Gilmore's Garden during a hot evening, "Our Lizzie" paid a visit to one of the warmest of the season in which to take in the music and things at the Highpodrome warm springs. That the irrepressible youth was not received with coldness may be learned by a perusal of the following lines which James has had suitably engrossed and sent to the leader of the band:

TO P. J. G.
Them fokes witch got in urly like,
Up at the winders tuk thare stashun;
Without from never even a dime
Lookt in wane fur wentilashin.
No! Patsy G., its orful warm;
An wen it is hainy, yu fool us—
You treete the fokes to lots of *airs*,
But then they haint the kind that kool us.

.....And this reference to the Hippodrome reminds us that Barnum can't be coming back to that place, for we see it announced that Gilmore is going to run "1,001 Nights" there!.....This is not a good season for fighting, and yet we learn that an enthusiastic admirer of a certain favorite prima-donna has challenged a reckless newspaper editor because he wrote an article headed "Filthy Lucre!" Where is the boasted freedom of the press? A Stradivarius violin, built in 1715, having recently been sold in London for three thousand dollars, it is fair to presume that manufacturers will now overstock the market with the rare old fiddle!..... Yankee Robinson's Show having collapsed, it seems to be hunted after as the most desirable curiosity of the upheaval. "Stand down the ball!".....Mother, may I come home to die?" is the song of those impecunious young men who fail to live at the watering-places on five dollars per week!.....During the dog-days it may be well for the authorities to be cautious what kind of language they use. For calling a negro minstrel a sott-shell sardine, a "legitimate artist" was knocked on his beam-ends a few days ago. A word to the wise is sufficient, now mind.....Talking about curiosities, the intelligence comes to us from Chicago that in that city there is a man named Norman who has a cradle in which he was born, and which he took in that uprising city. Our fighting editor thinks this another *Norman "conk" West!*.....It is not wholly true that Tilton and Moulton are to take the place of the late lamented Siamese Twins, and to be toted around as a show. Every week we have to correct some false fact published in the interest of ambitious newspaper writers. Neither is it true that Sandy Jones' Show has got a white elephant on its hands. The elephant is on its feet! .....Now that Moody and Sankey are coming home, we shall not be surprised to hear of some of our enterprising showmen "going for them." Moody is not so moody as his name indicates; while Sankey, we understand, sings down all opposition. As a test of their success in Great Britain is excelled by its non, we may say that the other representative team, our riflemen.....Curbstone scenery is beginning to ornament the great thoroughfares of New York, the specimens being from the studios of those giant artists whose cards may be found among the business notices in THE CLIPPER. Sides of houses are also coming into use, as affording greater facilities for drawing room purposes, and whereon pictures may be hung beyond the reach of unscrupulous rag-pickers and opposition decorators.....The restive season develops rare traits in the mental calibre and artistic qualifications of the rising generation of pyrotechnists, among the many answers sent to the manager of a combination now organizing, and whose card for people appeared in the TELEGRAM, was the following tender and true story:

NEW YORK, July 3, '75.

Here we are again having seen your advertisement in THE CLIPPER I thought I would drop you the following. I am not what you would call an Actor! but can do a light comedy part like a book. Mr. Dobson don't want to see you just give me a try! that is all you will have to do! and I'll warrant I'll suit you!

Original but not intended for a gag—hoping you will respond I am most obediently yours.

Second low Comedian.

.....Sweet music! Street organists are so wedded to art that they fail to draw the line that divides Saturday night from Sunday morning. This will account for Antonio Drestsofini being hustled off so unceremoniously at half-past one o'clock yesterday morning while he was lost in the divine strains of "Mulcahy's Twins," performed solely by himself, on one organ, with just a single stop—that given it by the degraded policeman.....When "Gayly the troubadour" touched his guitar, it created a whirl of excitement only exceeded by that of the recent scandal in Brooklyn. But that is past and gone, and a new order of troubadours is about to dawn upon us, and take the "Union-square" for its base of operations. Poetry in honor of

THE TROUBADOURS.

The Western people formed a band—
They thought a pertect "hummer"
Each *troubadour*, and sought to give
The *troupe a tour* in Summer.

Their "Patchwork" pleases every eye—
Bright humor "i' the vein,"
They'll make the famous "Marble Heart"
Entrenched on "*Saulsbury* plain!"

CITY SUMMARY.

AT WOOD'S MUSEUM, during the past week, Harry Clifford acted in "Pomp" at the evening performances, and Miss Alice Placide in "Held at Bay" at the matinees, attracting a fair attendance. This week Oliver Doud Byron may be seen in "Across the Continent," and at the matinees "Blackwell's Island," with A. H. Sheldon in the chief character, will be revived.

RICHARD MORRISSEY, the treasurer of the Olympic Theatre, received a benefit on July 13, and A. W. Woolcott, the business manager, will be complimented in a similar manner July 19, when Wayne and Lovely, the Carlo Family, Charles White, J. H. Clifford, Wm. Carter and others will perform, in addition to the regular company. The season will close with the present month.

CHAS. W. BARRY has dramatized Cooper's noval of "The Spy," and it is to be produced at Wood's Museum on July 26, with Mr. Barry as General Washington, and Dominick Murray as Harry Birch.

THE THIRD-AVENUE THEATRE, between Thirtieth and Thirty-first str-ets, is to open on July 26 with Charles H. Morton's local play, entitled "The Poor and Proud of New York."

MR. HERBERT of J. L. Toole's Dramatic Company does not return to England, he having been engaged for the coming season at a metropolitan theatre.

M. B. LEAVITT AND WILLIAM PASTOR are to open the Metropolitan Theatre Aug. 9 for the season. Both of these gentlemen have had considerable experience in management, are active and enterprising, and deserve to meet with success in their new venture.

HARRY SANDERSON, business manager the past season with Mme. Rentz's Female Minstrels, and more recently with the "Jack and Jill" Pantomime Company, has returned to the city.

CORA CUSHMAN, serio-comic, who has just recovered from an illness of inflammatory rheumatism of three months' duration, has gone to Baltimore, Md.

HARRY MUNDE has become the business manager of the Tivoli Theatre.

I. J. STEELE and George M. Miller, respectively manager and treasurer of the Grand Opera-house, Reading, Pa., were in town during the past week, and paid THE CLIPPER office a visit.

THE PARK THEATRE was sold at auction on July 12 for $43,000, and was purchased by Michael Gross & Son, subject to a claim of $17,000 for arrears of rent. This property seems to be in a somewhat jumbled condition. The theatre is built upon leased ground. Messrs. Riggs & Co., bankers, hold a mortgage upon it, and William Stuart holds a lease of it.

COL. T. ALLSTON BROWN, dramatic agent, requests the members of Furbish's Fifth-avenue Combination to send their addresses to Chas. E. Furbish, as per card. He also announces that Geo. and Sid. France can be secured by variety managers to produce their dog-dramas during the coming season, and that the spectacular and realistic drama of "Around the World in Eighty Days," with rich costuming, properties, etc., can be secured by managers desiring to produce this version of that successful drama.

MINNIE AND LILLIE CONWAY sail for Europe on July 31.

JOHN MEECH of the Academy of Music, Buffalo, and John Ehlaler of Pittsburg arrived here July 19. Mr. Meech of Buffalo has been here since July 15.

J. CLINTON HALL, manager of the Opera-house, Rochester, N. Y., is in town, arranging his business for the coming season.

TONY PASTOR and his company are to occupy the San Francisco Minstrel Hall early in August for one week.

THE BOWERY THEATRE has been leased by J. W. Meeth for a period of five years, and will be opened about Sept. 1. It will, in the meantime, be thoroughly overhauled, cleaned in every part, and the auditorium will be entirely redecorated in white and gold; new scenery and properties will be placed upon the stage, and the present seats in the orchestra will be replaced by patent folding iron chairs. All the saloons on the premises are to be abolished, and every effort will be made to restore "Old Drury" to the popular favor of the East-side population which it enjoyed in years gone by. Milnes Levick has been engaged as the leading-man and stage-manager.

F. A. TANNEHILL arrived in this city on July 15 from Canada.

SAMUEL COLVILLE writes us from London Eng., under date of July 6, that during the coming season he will manage and fully represent the following attractions: George Belmore, an eminent character actor; Miss Emily Soldene and a reorganized company, a feature of which will be Mlle. Sara and her corps de ballet, to open here Sept. 13; Miss Julia Matthews and an English Comic-opera Company, to open here Aug. 16; and the Lydia Thompson Troupe, to open April 3, 1876. Mr. Colville expected to sail for this city on July 8, but a letter written to us on that date states that, "owing to an action upon the part of Mr. Chatterton of Drury-lane and the Adelphi Theatres, to restrain George Belmore from leaving England on account of an implied engagement, I am prevented from sailing in the City of Berlin to-day." His adds: "The strong probability is that Miss Julia Matthews and company will sail July 29, and be ready to open Aug. 16."

OFFENBACH'S operetta of "La Rose d'Auvergne" and Herve's "Chilperic" constitute the programme of Anglicized opera-bouffe offered this week by the management of Robinson Hall. Their creditable presentation of the former opera, "Girofle-Girofla," during the past week, has established a host in favor with the public, who will, without doubt, be as quick in according a ready appreciation to a clever interpretation of Herve's nonsensical, mirth-provoking opera-bouffe and Offenbach's operatic trifle.

NOLLY PEERS sails shortly for Europe for rest and recreation.

CHARLES FOSTER, the actor and dramatist, has been seriously indisposed, but is recovering.

J. L. TOOLE, Mrs. Toole, F. L. Toole, Miss Florence Toole, Miss Eliza Johnstone, and Miss Croft were passengers in the steamship Adriatic for Liverpool, Eng., July 17.

FRANK PAYSON arrived from Europe on June 17 by the new steamship Montana.

ADD RYMAN has been re-engaged as middle man for the San Francisco Minstrels for next season. Billy Carter also goes there.

CLINTON EDDY arrived in town from the West during the past week.

DRAMATIC.

J. W. ALBAUGH, lessee and manager of the Opera-house, Albany, N. Y., and Griswold Opera-house, Troy, announces the season to commence about Sept. 6, and requests all communications to be sent to his advertised address.

THE BOSTON COMEDY COMPANY, under the management of C. H. Clarke and Phineas Leach, performed at Woodstock, N. B., July 12, 13, Lincoln, Me., 14, Bangor 15, Dexter 16, Bangor 17, Moosehead 20, Pittsfield 21, Clinton 22, Kendall's Mills 23, Skowhegan 26, 27, Waterville 28, Augusta 29, 30, Gardner 31.

THE GILBERT SISTERS' Company closed for the season at Huntsville, Ala., July 9.

BARTLEY CAMPBELL'S drama of "Bulls and Bears" has been purchased by Miss Marian Taylor for all territory excepting several of the principal cities in the United States mentioned in her agent's (Chas. A. Wing) card, in this issue, to whom all communications for open dates can be addressed.

PHILO A. CLARK, late agent of the Leander Company, is spending the summer at his residence in Fonda, N. Y., where communications can be addressed.

CHARLES A. HASLAM, the treasurer of the Olympic Theatre, St. Louis, Mo., sends us a handsomely bound volume containing the programmes of the entire season of 1874-5.

CHAS. THOMAS, leading gentleman of the Frank E. Aiken Combination, is at liberty to accept an engagement for the coming season as juvenile lead and light comedy. See card.

THE CARROLLS, in their various specialties, including the "General's" "Lecture on Temperance," written by Ed Eyrman, are open for engagements, and can be adressed as per advertisement.

FORD'S OPERA-HOUSE, Washington, D. C., will be open for rental during the coming season to all first-class traveling companies. Managers can obtain particulars by addressing H. Clay Ford, as per card.

THE BARNUM CAST is coming back to that place, for we see it announced that Gilmore is going to run "1,001 Nights" there!.....This is not a good season for fighting, and yet we learn that an enthusiastic admirer of a certain favorite prima-donna has challenged a reckless newspaper editor because he wrote an article headed "Filthy Lucre!" Where is the boasted freedom of the press? A Stradivarius violin, built in 1715, having recently been sold in London for three thousand dollars, it is fair to presume that manufacturers will now overstock the market with the rare old fiddle!..... Yankee Robinson's Show having collapsed, it seems to be hunted after as the most desirable curiosity of the upheaval. "Stand down the ball!".....Mother, may I come home to die?" is the song of those impecunious young men who fail to live at the watering-places on five dollars per week!.....During the dog-days it may be well for the authorities to be cautious what kind of language they use. For calling a negro minstrel a sott-shell sardine, a "legitimate artist" was knocked on his beam-ends a few days ago. A word to the wise is sufficient, now mind.....Talking about curiosities, the intelligence comes to us from Chicago that in that city there is a man named Norman who has a cradle in which he was born, and which he took in that uprising city. Our fighting editor thinks this another *Norman "conk" West!*.....It is not wholly true that Tilton and Moulton are to take the place of the late lamented Siamese Twins, and to be toted around as a show. Every week we have to correct some false fact published in the interest of ambitious newspaper writers. Neither is it true that Sandy Jones' Show has got a white elephant on its hands. The elephant is on its feet! .....Now that Moody and Sankey are coming home, we shall not be surprised to hear of some of our enterprising showmen "going for them." Moody is not so moody as his name indicates; while Sankey, we understand, sings down all opposition. As a test of their success in Great Britain is excelled by its non, we may say that the other representative team, our riflemen.....Curbstone scenery is beginning to ornament the great thoroughfares of New York, the specimens being from the studios of those giant artists whose cards may be found among the business notices in THE CLIPPER. Sides of houses are also coming into use, as affording greater facilities for drawing room purposes, and whereon pictures may be hung beyond the reach of unscrupulous rag-pickers and opposition decorators.....The restive season develops rare traits in the mental calibre and artistic qualifications of the rising generation of pyrotechnists, among the many answers sent to the manager of a combination now organizing, and whose card for people appeared in the TELEGRAM, was the following tender and true story:

NEW YORK, July 3, '75.

Here we are again having seen your advertisement in THE CLIPPER I thought I would drop you the following. I am not what you would call an Actor! but can do a light comedy part like a book. Mr. Dobson don't want to see you just give me a try! that is all you will have to do! and I'll warrant I'll suit you!

Original but not intended for a gag—hoping you will respond I am most obediently yours.

Second low Comedian.

.....Sweet music! Street organists are so wedded to art that they fail to draw the line that divides Saturday night from Sunday morning. This will account for Antonio Drestsofini being hustled off so unceremoniously at half-past one o'clock yesterday morning while he was lost in the divine strains of "Mulcahy's Twins," performed solely by himself, on one organ, with just a single stop—that given it by the degraded policeman.....When "Gayly the troubadour" touched his guitar, it created a whirl of excitement only exceeded by that of the recent scandal in Brooklyn. But that is past and gone, and a new order of troubadours is about to dawn upon us, and take the "Union-square" for its base of operations. Poetry in honor of

THE TROUBADOURS.

The Western people formed a band—
They thought a pertect "hummer"
Each *troubadour*, and sought to give
The *troupe a tour* in Summer.

Their "Patchwork" pleases every eye—
Bright humor "i' the vein,"
They'll make the famous "Marble Heart"
Entrenched on "*Saulsbury* plain!"

CITY SUMMARY.

AT WOOD'S MUSEUM, during the past week, Harry Clifford acted in "Pomp" at the evening performances, and Miss Alice Placide in "Held at Bay" at the matinees, attracting a fair attendance. This week Oliver Doud Byron may be seen in "Across the Continent," and at the matinees "Blackwell's Island," with A. H. Sheldon in the chief character, will be revived.

RICHARD MORRISSEY, the treasurer of the Olympic Theatre, received a benefit on July 13, and A. W. Woolcott, the business manager, will be complimented in a similar manner July 19, when Wayne and Lovely, the Carlo Family, Charles White, J. H. Clifford, Wm. Carter and others will perform, in addition to the regular company. The season will close with the present month.

CHAS. W. BARRY has dramatized Cooper's noval of "The Spy," and it is to be produced at Wood's Museum on July 26, with Mr. Barry as General Washington, and Dominick Murray as Harry Birch.

THE THIRD-AVENUE THEATRE, between Thirtieth and Thirty-first str-ets, is to open on July 26 with Charles H. Morton's local play, entitled "The Poor and Proud of New York."

MR. HERBERT of J. L. Toole's Dramatic Company does not return to England, he having been engaged for the coming season at a metropolitan theatre.

M. B. LEAVITT AND WILLIAM PASTOR are to open the Metropolitan Theatre Aug. 9 for the season. Both of these gentlemen have had considerable experience in management, are active and enterprising, and deserve to meet with success in their new venture.

HARRY SANDERSON, business manager the past season with Mme. Rentz's Female Minstrels, and more recently with the "Jack and Jill" Pantomime Company, has returned to the city.

CORA CUSHMAN, serio-comic, who has just recovered from an illness of inflammatory rheumatism of three months' duration, has gone to Baltimore, Md.

HARRY MUNDE has become the business manager of the Tivoli Theatre.

I. J. STEELE and George M. Miller, respectively manager and treasurer of the Grand Opera-house, Reading, Pa., were in town

W. W. COLE'S SHOW pitched tent on Smoky Island, Allegheny City, Pa., July 15. Notwithstanding unfavorable weather during the afternoon and evening exhibitions, the average attendance was large. In the ring performances there were several festures worthy of special mention. At night Mr. Batchelder attempted to leap over twenty-five horses, neck to neck, but only partially succeeded—alighting, I think, on the twenty-second horse. He afterwards accomplished, with apparent ease, the feat of throwing a double somersault over twenty horses, neck to neck. Miss Minnie Marks did neatly and gracefully an equestrian act, and the riding of Mr. Van Zandt elicited applause. The acrobatic and gymnastic exercises of the Jasper Brothers were very creditable. The menagerie was not very extensive, but the animals were in prime condition. In the street-parade there are introduced several extra attractions. I am informed that Mr. Kelly has left the show in consequence of disability, and gone to his home in New York State. Harry Long has returned to the concert, after a siege of sickness. Mr. Al. Good has joined the circus as leader of the band. The show remains here for three days, and exhibits at Wheeling, W. V., 19, Bellaire O., 20, Wellsville 21, Rochester, Pa., 22, New Castle 23, Sharon 24, Greenville 26, Meadville 27, Corry 28.....R. J. McAndlis, late treasurer of Yankee Robinson's show, has been in this city since the collapse of that establishment, and contemplates sojourning here for some time. His health is very materially improving. Letter of July 16.

MELVILLE, MAGINLEY & COOKE'S Centennial Circus is billed to show in Albany, N. Y., July 19, 20, 21, Troy 22, Cohoes 23.

CIRCUS TALENT is wanted at once, and privileges are offered for sale, by W. MASON, who advertisees.

L. B. LENT is at liberty to accept engagements for the remainder of the tenting season.

J. M. FRENCH has secured a vacant lot on Woodward avenue, Detroit, Mich., and is exhibiting his collection of animals at low prices of admission—15 and 10 cents.

SUPPOSED DEATH OF PROF. DONALDSON.—This aeronaut, accompanied by Mr. S. S. Greenwood, a reporter of *The Evening Journal* of Chicago, Ill., made a balloon ascension from Barnum's Hippodrome in that city on Thursday afternoon, July 15, since which time no definite intelligence of their whereabouts has been received. A telegram dated Chicago, July 18, gives the following reports made by captains of in-coming vessels: "Capt. Furlong of the steam-barge New Era reports seeing, about fifty miles northeast of Chicago, a life-preserver, with the straps pulled out, floating in the water, and something near by which looked like a basket. He had not heard of the missing balloon. Captain Castello of the schooner Queen of the West reports that on Saturday evening he saw something like a balloon sticking out of the water about four miles from Crosse Point. The captain of a lumber vessel which arrived to-day reports seeing a dead body, wearing a gray coat, about forty miles from Grand Haven." There was a storm, accompanied by a violent wind, on the night after the ascension, and it is possible that the aeronaut and his companion were carried over the lake a long distance into Michigan; but the impression is that both have been drowned.

LADY FAYNEN is wanted for a double-trapeze and brother act. See "Gymnast's" card.

COOK'S ENGLISH AND AMERICAN CIRCUS, a new company, under the management of John Stowe, has been organized, and will travel by wagons through Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and so on South, where they intend to remain all Winter. Harry Adams, Lizzie Marsclas, Wm. Miles, and the Orrin Family are members of the company. They give their first show at St. Joseph, Mich., July 24.

SADLER'S CIRCUS collapsed at Muskegon, Mich., recently.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE NEW CENTRAL THEATRE, Baltimore, Md., will open for the season on Aug. 16, under the proprietorship of Kernan Bros. Stars, combinations, novelty artists, etc., desiring dates, are referred to their card in our business department.

TOM NEW'S TOWN HALL, Columbia, Pa., which has just been completed, can be found fully described in Dr. E. W. Goerke's card, in which all parties are informed that dates for engagements can now be secured.

STEREOPTICONS, SLIDES, ETC., can be obtained of Theo. J. Harbach, who publishes a price list in our advertising department.

P. H. SEAMON, clown, ventriloquist with talking heads, etc., desires an engagement with a circus, variety show, combination or sideshow. See advertisement.

THE BELL-KNOWN song and sketch writer "Mark Quencher" is prepared to fulfill orders for songs, sketches, etc., and can be addressed care of this office.

AUSTIN GRAHAM, Albino, can be engaged by addressing as per card.

ANDY KLEMM, comic hat-spinner, advertises that he is open for an engagement, during next season, in his specialty.

PERFORMERS desiring engagements with G. L. Fox's Humpty Dumpty Troupe are referred to G. H. Tyler's card elsewhere.

PROF. E. C. TAYLOR, magician, closed a season of four nights at Chadlam, N. Y., July 13, and went to Burlington, Vt., for a like period.

THE MANAGEMENT OF VILLAGE HALL, Albion, N. Y., offer open dates to traveling companies, etc. They advertise the hall as being furnished with new scenery and appointments.

J. H. JACKSON & BRO.'S card, in which they set forth their facilities for producing every variety of plain and ornamental show-printing, lithographing, engraving, etc., at reasonable rates, can be found in another column.

ALTHEA ANTOINETTE ELIZABETH JONES, the youngest child of Charles A. and Kate Hadley Jones, died in Boston, Mass., July 14, of cholera-infantum, at the age of three months and six days. The remains were buried in Cambridge, Mass., July 15. Mr. Jones has been the agent and treasurer of various minstrel companies during the past four years, and Mrs. Jones has been during the past eight years a ballet-dancer, most of the time with Moriacchi and the Kiraly Troupe.

CHAS. E. KILLINGBECK, gymnast, is open for an engagement with a circus or variety show. See card.

P. W. SHRADER, advance-agent, can be engaged by addressing as per advertisement.

TOOTLE'S OPERA-HOUSE, St. Joseph, Mo., can be engaged on sharing terms during the Exposition at that town, commencing Sept. 6. It is advertised as having a seating capacity of 1,500, and is open to all first-class companies.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of BILLPOSTERS held their annual convention at Martin's Opera-house, Albany, N. Y., July 15, 16. The next convention will be held in New York City on the second Wednesday in July, 1876. As one o'clock on the 16th the convention adjourned. The afternoon was spent in visiting the penitentiary, park, the various steamer-houses, the new Capitol, fire-alarm telegraph office, and other objects of interest. Mr. James A. Burt of Albany procured carriages and conducted the members of the convention to the above-named places. The following were admitted members of the association: Kenny & Murphy, Brooklyn, N. Y.; H. I. Paulding & Moore, New York; T. H. Delavan, Meriden, Ct.; J. F. Buxton, Norwalk, Ct.; B. W. Crandell, Cohoes, N. Y.; T. T. Dean & Co., Muskegon, Mich.; F. E. Murray, Grand Haven, Mich.; H. C. Tyler, Des Moines, Iowa. The officers elected for this year were: President, George A. Treyser; vice-president, Michael E. Dundon; treasurer, George W. Bills; recording secretary, George M. Leonard; corresponding secretary, M. A. Watson. Immediately after the election of officers, A. Mc. D. Walker, on behalf of ex-President J. Q. A. Chapman, presented President Treyser a magnificent badge of office.

THE YEDDO JAPANESE TROUPE have taken up their residence in Auburn, N. Y., for the Summer.

PICTORIAL ENGRAVING and printing at reduced prices are advertised for S. Booth, show-printer, who announces a specialty, designing and engraving in four colors at $24 per sheet.

THOSE DESIRING WIGS are referred to the card of Helmer's Human Hair House.

MAGICAL APPARATUS, ETC., can be obtained of L. Fisher, as advertises.

P. W. GOATCHER, scenic artist, is open for an engagement. See card.

NEWARK, N. J., OPERA-HOUSE is open for rental by night or week, as per advertisement of H. B. Kimball.

CAPTAIN JAMES HOBBS, better known as Commanche Jim, lectured at Fort Wayne, Ind., July 15, 16.

R. E. CARRAGAN advertises for a position as advance-agent or general business-manager with a traveling company.

LIVING CURIOSITIES are wanted for the fairs by Chas. Ellis, who advertises.

PENDANTO, aeronant and gymnast, is open for engagements at festivals fairs, etc. See card.

CONCERT HALL, Stillwater, Minn., located in the central part of the city, furnished with scenery and having a seating capacity of over 500, is offered for rental by the proprietors, Schlenk & Schupp, who advertise.

PROF. MARTINO, illusionist and ventriloquist, who intends taking an extended tour through California and Australia, advertises for a partner. He is open for engagements for the Fall and Winter season, to present his magic entertainment.

JAMES F. CROSSEN advertises plays, wigs, colored fires, etc., for sale.

J. BRUCE, show-painter, is prepared to furnish show-painting of every description at his studio, advertised elsewhere.

HARRY WESTON, business manager and agent, is at liberty to accept a position for next season. See card.

THE BECK BROTHERS' PAVILION SHOW exhibited at Locust Grove, Md., July 19, Newmarket 13, Galena 14, 15, Saffrass 16, Massie 17.

J. M. ROZELLE desires an engagement, either as assistant agent, programmer, ticket-seller or treasurer, with an entertainment during the coming season, and can be addressed care of this office.

OWENS' ACADEMY OF MUSIC, Charleston, S. C., can be rented by dramatic and operatic combinations, stars, etc., by addressing Frank Arthur, agent, as per card. The profession are notified that no stock company will be needed during the season.

MCGILL & STRONG'S Mirror of Ireland began a season of five nights in St. John, N. B., July 13.

A COMPANY OF CLARKSTOWNERS open July 19 for one week in St. John, N. B.

PARTIES desiring balloon ascensions are referred to Harry Gilbert's card.

JOHN LAPELLE, billposter, etc., can be addressed as per advertisement.

AMATEUR.

THE WILMINGTON, N. C., AMATEURS performed "Robert Emmet" and "The Hunchback's Vanity," on July 14.

FOREIGN SHOW NEWS.

DRAMATIC.

OUR LONDON, ENG., advices, dated July 4, contain little novelty. J. B. Buckstone took his annual benefit on June 26, and in his customary annual address, a copy of which we append, announced his retirement from the management of the Haymarket Theatre:

In March last, ladies and gentlemen, I had been quietly and respectably manager of this theatre for two-and-twenty years, and am now well on my way in my twenty-third. We all know there will come a time in a man's life, especially when he is fairly advanced in it, when that life has been an anxious and a hard-working one, that he longs for a little repose, or at least someone to share with him the cares and burdens of the day; and as I have now been so long before you, you may naturally think it is quite time I should retire from the foot-lights; but I hope that, if you are astonished, you will not laugh when I reveal to you that, although my present lease expires in September next, I have renewed it for a further term of years. But, while I still remain the lessee, you will be glad to hear that the general management of the theatre, both before and behind the curtain, will devolve upon Mr. Sothern. Nor could I have given it into better hands. He has untiring industry, is a great disciplinarian, and a wonderfully attractive actor—all valuable qualities in the conduct of a theatre; but, though by this concession I shall be relieved from much anxiety and responsibility, I hope you will still be glad to see me as an actor, and give me the gratifying feeling that you are not yet tired of me. I have no intention or desire to lag a useless veteran on the stage; but as long as I continue to receive me so warmly as you have done this evening I shall yet endeavor to do my best to please you; but when I find that I can do so no longer, then—and not till then—shall I bid you good-bye. I think you will do me the justice to admit that, during the many seasons I have managed this theatre, I have never done anything derogatory to its high character; and although as a member of the Haymarket company, both under the late Mr. Morris and the living Mr. Webster, and subsequently as manager myself, I have been connected with this theatre for more than forty years, I hope that there is yet a term, however brief, that I may continue to see you assembled in this historic Temple of the Drama. From early youth I have been associated, and acted with most of the greatest performers of this country—with Edmund Kean, Robert William Ellison, with the elder Charles Mathews and the Young'un, with Charles Kemble, Macready, Liston, Dowton, Harley, Benjamin Webster, the senior William Farren, the great Mrs. Glover, Helen Faucit, Madame Vestris, Mrs. Nisbett, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kean, Mr. and the admirable Mrs. Keeley, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Yates, the still unforgotten Mrs. Fanny Fitzwilliam, John Reeve, T. P. Cooke, O. Smith, and very many more, the last being Mr. Sothern. You must, therefore, acknowledge that my acting connection has been of a highly respectable character; but amongst all these honored names I have never met with one who has given me more substantial proofs of his regard than Mr. Sims Reeves; five times he has come forward on these occasions to delight you and serve me, and, believe me, always gratuitously, while the Haymarket company, with Mr. Sothern and everyone employed in the theatre, have also shown their kind generosity this evening, as they have done before, by all of them giving me their services. I am also happy to make a much better report of the season just ending than I did of the one last year; that was the worst I ever knew, while this has been, if not the best, certainly one of the most during its nine months' term, and without producing any novelty of importance, "Our American Cousin" and "David Garrick" having been quite a sufficient attraction. The Winter season will be opened by Mr. J. S. Clarke, with a comedy by Mr. H. J. Byron, who will himself impersonate an important character. After closing the theatre for repairs and cleansing, Mr. Sothern will reappear in a new and original part. And now, ladies and gentlemen, having explained all that is necessary, I respectfully, for myself, until October next, bid you farewell.

.....Henry Irving, on the occasion of his benefit, announced that the next season would open with "Macbeth," with Kate Bateman as Lady Macbeth; and, immediately after the run of that tragedy, Tennyson's new drama of "Queen Mary" would be produced.....Bronson Howard's comedy of "Saratoga," rechristened "Brighton," since its first production in England in May, 1874, has been performed at the Court, Standard and St. James Theatres, and at the Crystal and Alexandra Palaces. It was produced at the Haymarket June 28, and will shortly be acted in the German language in Berlin.

CAPTAIN DISNEY BOEBUCK'S Dramatic Company were performing in Cape Town, South Africa, at the date of our latest advices—June 5.

HENRY IRVING, on the occasion of his benefit at the Lyceum Theatre, London, Eng., was presented with a massive silver inkstand by Mrs. Ledger, the wife of the proprietor of *The Era*.

J. K. EMMET'S future engagements are Edinburgh, Scotland, July 26, Leeds, Eng., Aug. 2, Brighton 9, Liverpool (return visit) 16, Scarborough 23, Margate 30, Bristol Sept. 6.

OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT in London, Eng., writes as follows under date of July 3: "Egyptian Hall in Piccadilly has two fine exhibition rooms. They ought to have separate names and grand entrances, in order that they might be easily designated and described; but they are both on the same floor, and are both approached by the same flight of stairs. The larger hall of the two—holding about 300 persons—has for two years been occupied by the magician Dr. Lynn. The other hall—holding about 250—is the one where Artemus Ward spoke his funny pieces. It is now occupied by the Royal Illusionists, Maskelyne and Cook, who have created so great a sensation by their wonderful success in exposing the tricks of spiritual performers, that they received a special invitation from H. R. H. the Prince of Wales to pay him a visit, that he might see how the thing was done. They fulfilled the appointment, and it is said that the Prince exclaimed: 'You certainly accomplish what I have never believed possible for man to do; and yet your apparent candor forbids my having any faith in the physical performances of spiritualists.' They are having full houses every night, at prices varying—according to location—from twenty-five cents to a dollar and a quarter, making the houses average about $180. At the close of the old Davenport Cabinet Tricks, they produce a 'dim, religious light' in the room, and from the cabinet (thoroughly examined by a committee) there emerges a transparent form in flowing robes, and also a distinct *human skeleton*. The effect on an audience is thrillingly electrical. Their biggest thing, however, is what a punster would call their psychological trick. They have a carved figure of a diminutive sitting on an empty box, supported by a glass jar. This 'Psycho,' as they call him, beats all opponents at cards and mathematics; moves its head and hands at word of command, and manifests such a degree of intelligence and physical force that the mechanical, scientific and spiritual strata of society are in loggerheads in regard to the origin of its powers.....Covent-garden is still occupied by the Italian-opera Company. On Wednesday afternoon of each week Salvini the tragedian plays Hamlet, and on Friday Othello. Fair houses greet the great Italian, and were the plays presented in the English language the crowds would be enormous, as he possesses fine figure, voice and action, and a dramatic power second to no man now living.....The Middlesex Hall in Drury-lane is as lively a place as was the old Cheatham in New York thirty years ago. The hall is located in a very densely populated section, where the boys care more for ripe fun than they do for literature. The entertainments are as lively as a basket of fleas. Among the particularly bright stars on the night that I attended were Heinrich Schmidt and his three little boys in athletic feats. They are much superior to the old Risley troupe, and the best of the kind I have ever seen. Miss Verte and Jenny Aston were good as comic singers, and almost unapproachable as comic dancers. Their graceful antics almost drove the boys crazy. Harvey and Connelley as duet singers, duet talkers, and duet dancers, were original, clever, demonstrative and very funny. Their imitations of dancing among the *first* and *last* society would create a sensation in New York. About one thousand persons were present, and all seemed to be highly delighted.....The Thirtieth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Theatrical Fund Association was held on July 1 at the famous Freemasons' Tavern in Great Queen street, with Henry Irving, Esq., in the chair. Before describing the dinner and speeches, I must speak of the hall. Its dimensions are about 45 by 120 feet. The ceiling is very high arched, and rough with windows and ornament. In the north end, close to the ceiling, is a deep, cavernous gallery. I am thus particular in my descriptions because the room is poorly ventilated, and possesses the worst acoustic qualities of all rooms I have ever seen. It does not ring and reverberate like a copper boiler, but it takes the other extreme of absorbing the voice as a bale of cotton absorbs a pail of water. It is worse for distinct articulation than a cedar grove in full foliage. Actors find the same thing true for their delivery. I have talked against fate and a gormandizing atmosphere without their words being heard at a distance of twenty feet. The dinner was good, plentiful and well served. The tables were five in number, one across the south end of the room for the chairman and his staff of distinguished visitors, and four lengthwise of the hall. There were no ladies at the table, although about twenty had a slight repast in a small room in another part of the building. In describing this dinner I hope not to give offense; I only wish to describe the features that especially would impress the people of this American country. There assisted of 230 persons. After they had taken their seats, and grace had been invoked, good service was done to the feast prepared. Seated midway at the table placed across the room was the chairman, facing the entire assembly. At his back was an amiable gentleman, who officiated as major-domo—toast-master or master of ceremonies—who, when the dinner was half completed, exclaimed: 'Gentlemen at the right will please fill their glasses and drink with the chairman.' Wine in abundance of good quality was before them, and the toast was quickly drunk and done. The major then exclaimed: 'Gentlemen on the left will please fill their glasses and drink with the chairman.' And this was obeyed. 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I made special inquiry in regard to this omission, and was told by an honest, sturdy John Bull: 'New songs, sir, for such a festive occasion as this would be an innovation, sir! an innovation! Shakespeare was an old master, sir! and our songs are by the old masters, sir.' We gave it up and passed. As proverbial as the English are for finding fault and scolding with strangers, they rarely lose their jolly good nature among themselves. A public speaker may be coughed or applauded down by his best friends without harboring the slightest ill feeling. Mayor Snell, while responding to the Army and Navy, and Mr. E. P. S. Pigott, the crown critic and examiner of the drama, were both actually choked to a conclusion by a convulsion and constant applause. 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IVAN ORR.

"SAPPHO," a new play written by W. G. Wills for Miss Genevieve Ward, and produced during that lady's recent engagement at the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin, Ireland, is thus described by *The Irish Times*:

"The scene opens at Athens, Mount Hymettus in the distance, and the plaudits of the people are heard as Sappho is crowned at the Temple of Apollo. A festive and joyous procession enter, in the midst of which we behold Sappho in her robes of white, bordered with gold, crowned, and bearing her lyre in her hand; but, at the same instant, another procession enters at the opposite side—a young vestal-virgin, who has broken her sacred vows for the sake of her lover, Tereus, is being led to death by the priests of Apollo. In the victim bound for death Sappho recognizes her young sister, Myrrha. With passionate earnestness, by her name, her fame, her glory, she demands her sister's life, and pardon as the best boon Greece can give her on this day. The people can refuse nothing to Sappho, and the priests are obliged to yield, but they warn her that her own death will come to her through Tereus, the lover of Myrrha. Sappho laughs the augury to scorn, and, seizing a knife, cuts the bonds and sets her sister free; then conducts her to her own home, but sadly musing the while why Phaon, her adored Phaon, loved by her beyond fame or crown, had not appeared to witness her triumph at the temple. A procession now appears of Greek maidens, crowned with roses, to offer a rose-garland to the poet queen. Myrrha retires into the house, and just then Phaon enters. Sappho crowns him with roses, at the same time gently upbraiding him for his absence from her triumph. But Phaon is cold and troubled. He tells her the crowned Queen of Song is too great for his love, and he asks if the young vestal has been saved. Myrrha hears the voice, and rushing out falls into Phaon's arms, exclaiming 'Tereus!' At last the dreadful truth is revealed to Sappho—Phaon is her sister's lover. Phaon and Tereus are one! The second act opens with Sappho's madness; she is in the olive groves of Apollo. The bacchantes appear to celebrate their orgies, and surround her with their wild dances. They tell her that a bridal procession is proceeding to the Temple of Hymen to celebrate the marriage of Phaon and Myrrha. The procession crosses the stage and enters the temple. Sappho follows, and as they reach the altar she advances, denounces Myrrha as the perjured priestess, and bids the priests of Apollo seize her and bind her with her lover Phaon and lead them to death. Then, grasping a torch, she fires the altar, and amid the smoke and flame she stands alone like an avenging deity, while the curtain falls on the second act. The third and last act opens with Myrrha being led to death. She is to be cast from the cliffs as a sacrifice to Apollo. Phaon is with her, and Myrrha with tender, beautiful pleadings asks as a last favor that he may bind her eyes. At first she is calm and resigned, but at sight of the cliff her womanly courage fails, and she sinks fainting to the ground, praying that some god would save her. A hand is laid upon her shoulder, the bandage is taken from her eyes, and, looking up, she beholds Sappho—Sappho in her robes of white and gold, the crown upon her head, as she had appeared in the hour of her triumph. In words of wild, passionate love Sappho tells her sister that to die with Phaon would be heaven—the only heaven she courts—and if Apollo needs a victim, let the priests bind her and lead her to the cliffs; she is ready. After a pathetic and powerful scene Sappho advances slowly up the hill, chanting verses to her lyre as she ascends. When she reaches the summit a cloud descends and half envelopes her, and through the mist is seen the stately, noble form of the past Queen as she springs to death from the cliff, and finds a grave in the blue waters of the sea."

GEORGE ELLIS, who had been for many years stage-director for the late W. C. Macready and Charles Kean, died in Brompton, London, Eng., June 23, at the age of 65 years. He made his first appearance on the stage in Edinburgh, and his London debut at the St. James Theatre in 1839.

GEORGE RIGNOLD and George Barrington are to manage the Queen's Theatre, London, Eng., this Summer. The Misses Helen Barry and Marie Henderson will be members of the company.

MRS. POLLOCK, who had been the lessee of the Old Theatre Royal, Aberdeen, Scotland, for more than half a century, is dead.

THE VOKES FAMILY were to sail for New York in the steamship Russia on July 17.

WYBERT REEVE has become the manager of the Theatre, Winter Garden and Aquarium, in Edinburgh, Scotland.

SIGNOR SALVINI recently gave a banquet at the Star and Garter Tavern, Richmond, Eng., to a large number of noted literary and theatrical persons.

THE VICTORIA THEATRE, London, Eng., has been purchased by a prominent business man, who intends fitting it for religious purposes.

THE MAGHTONS began an engagement at the Prince's Theatre, Manchester, Eng., on June 28. They are to commence a five months' engagement at the Alhambra, London, Eng., on Aug. 1.

MUSICAL.

THE HARVEY-TURNER OPERA COMPANY closed a season at Cape Town, South Africa, June 4.

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"At the afternoon exhibition of 'Old' John Robinson's Circus, Robert T. Stickney performed his customary feat of turning a double somersault over twenty horses, and then performed the same feat over four elephants and two camels. John Lowlow then announced to the audience that at the evening performances Mr. Stickney would attempt the feat of throwing a double somersault over *twenty-four horses?* When the time arrived for the attempt of this difficult feat, John Wilson, the equestrian director, displayed much judgment in placing the twenty-four horses in position, and when John Lowlow announced Robert T. Stickney the audience greeted his appearance with tumultuous applause. Mr. Stickney mounted the running-board, and Prof. Sexton started the music—then, as the word "ready" was spoken and responded to, Mr. Stickney started at a swift pace, struck the battoute-board, and bounded through the air, making two complete revolutions, and *landed safe over the twenty-four horses.* The audience rose *en masse*, and prolonged cheers rent the air. 'Gov.' John F. Robinson Jr., the manager of the show, then entered the ring and addressed the audience, stating that he was willing to wager from $100 to $10,000 that the feat just accomplished had never been surpassed by any other man. He then stated that he would measure the distance from the spring-board to the spot where Mr. Robinson alighted, which was done, and found to be *thirty-four feet!"*

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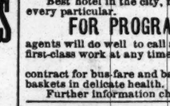

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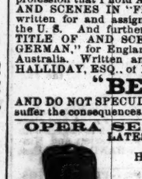

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